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Mildred E. Soutar, R.N.

"'She is with God', they say, nor is it hard
To think of her with Him who walked on earth
In close discipleship, I know full well
She is with God."

IT is thus we think and speak of our beloved missionary nurse, Mildred Soutar, Superintendent of the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home," Amkhut, India, who passed away after a brief illness at Jobat, Central India, on November 19th, 1933.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1900, of consecrated parents, Mildred Soutar grew up in the atmosphere of a Christian home. When quite young her mother, an ardent missionary worker, started her little girl in the Mission Band. She attended a missionary Church, and as she grew up her eyes and heart seemed ever open to the cry of human need. Then, one day, through the voice of a missionary, she heard the call to become a missionary nurse and with full surrender she obeyed. This was the beginning of a new life, and from that time on obedience to God and a desire to serve His little ones became her watchword, and with a heart "filled with Christ's love for her and the desire that all might know that love" she went forward.

The compelling motive of her life was a desire to serve and, even as a young girl, we see her as Mission Band Secretary; then helper in Mission Band work, in Galt; Secretary of the Junior Department of St. Giles' Church, Hamilton; Sabbath School teacher in Erskine Church, Hamilton; and later student deaconess in Royce Avenue Church and ''Evangel Hall,'' Toronto. Her educational qualifications included partial Junior and Honor Matriculation in Hamilton Collegiate; stenography and bookkeeping in Galt Business College; three years' training for a nurse in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, followed by a few years practical work in her chosen profession. In a graduating class of 33 she stood second, receiving highest recommendations from the Mother Superior, the Superintendent of Nurses, and the Public Health Nurse, the tributes to her efficiency, conscientiousness, amiable disposition, kindness and sympathy in dealing with the sick, being crowned by this simple statement, ''only in terms of praise could I speak of her.'' But private nursing was not her aim and desire. To quote her own words, ''My purpose in taking up the nursing profession was to serve the Master in the mission field. Although I enjoy the work I am doing I cannot feel satisfied with it or myself,'' and as we follow her life we see that every step was taken with this in view.

The "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home," Amkhut

Her training completed and the task she had set for herself accomplished, she offered herself as a missionary nurse to the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and was accepted. In her daughter's decision her devoted Christian mother gladly concurred, saying, ''I am pleased and glad to have my daughter fitted for service and to go into the service for the Church.''

After a year of preparation in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, she was designated as a nurse evangelist to India, in Erskine Presbyterian Church, by the Presbytery of Hamilton, on September 23rd, 1930, and sailed for her appointed field on October 10th.

Arriving in India November 15th, she went direct to Amkhut ''that lovely friendly garden'' where the ''adorable little Bhil children'' were waiting for her tender care.

For years Miss Bertha Robson had felt the need of a home for little children, for she saw so many precious little lives lost because of insufficient care. At last, through a gift of money, the beautiful ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' was erected and the dream of Miss Robson who had pleaded for it, Mrs. Abey who had given it, and Miss Soutar, who was appointed its Superintendent, was realized. This home was not completed when Miss Soutar arrived to be its Superintendent. Her earnest desire for its completion is so sweetly expressed, ''The kissableness of the little brown babies made me long for the opening of the Children's Home so that we might have some to care for ourselves.''

The Little Brown Babies Miss Soutar Mothered

On January 8th, 1932, the Home was opened. It was a time of great rejoicing. There were three tiny orphan children installed as first inmates before the dedication, and their baptisms were part of the opening ceremonies. Writing of this event Mrs. Buchanan says: ''Miss Soutar has been so wonderful, working night and day. She is a great little nurse and we are so thankful for her and for the lives God has allowed her to save.''

From the beginning she loved the Bhil babies, she could not help it, and great was her joy over the lovely home, with rooms and a ward for the brown Bhil babes she hoped to mother, and wards for the sick school children where, instead of a hard mud floor, a coarse blanket, a tin of water — there was a comfortable, clean, warm bed in a clean warm room, suitable food, and that she was to be their nurse.

To quote from a recent letter from her: ''As far as the work is concerned I think it agrees with me, for I feel well physically and do not mind losing sleep, the babies and children are worth it anyway.''

Children love children and the story of the Nursing Home for the little brown babies in Bhil land won the hearts of the Mission Band boys and girls in Canada. Their holiday savings (of five cents each), were sent to furnish it and from the time the Home was opened their gifts have supported it — Mildred Soutar was the children's missionary and their little hearts will be saddened by her death.

Miss Robson, who knew all about the Home, the little babies who were the first to enter, the 120 sick children who came for care during the first four months, the mothers whom our nurse taught how to care for their children in sickness and in health, the graduate and undergraduate native nurses who assisted her as the number of babies and sick children increased, said, ''Can't you see what a blessing the Children's Nursing Home and Miss Soutar are destined to become.''

Mildred Soutar's active mission work lasted only three short years. But ''Life is measured not by its extent, but by its content,'' and the future of the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' as its past will ever be linked with the brief but rich ministry of our missionary nurse, whose life of self-renouncing love has been its benediction. ''She mothered God's little ones.'' She never waited to measure her physical strength when calls came for service because she looked upon them as God's calls.

Three years ago the Women's Missionary Society received and commissioned and sent out our missionary nurse with the injunction, ''freely ye have received freely give,'' and the promise of the prayers and support of every member. We sent her forth with high hopes and the full expectation of a long, and rich ministry. Instead

''We lay in dust life's glory dead;
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.''

We think of her co-workers in the Bhil field who are lonely to-day, we think of her work, waiting for some one to take it up; but more than all we think of her mother and her family to whom in full measure our sympathy goes out.

If any should ask, why did she work so hard in the service of God? there is but one answer — ''The love of Christ constrained her.'' And we who remain have seen fulfilled in her the promise of Jesus, ''Whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall find it.'' The largest life comes to those who surrender most and serve most. Mildred Soutar's life led to victorious service, immortal triumph and undying remembrance.

> ''Servant of God, well done
> Thy glorious warfare passed;
> The battle fought, the victory won
> And thou art crowned at last.''

—Mamie C. G. Fraser.

Services of Remembrance

TWO Services of Remembrance were held for Miss Soutar. The first was on Sunday morning, November 26th, in Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, her home Church, the Church where she served and from which she was designated. Here everything spoke of her. The service was intimate and beautiful and fragrant with sweet memories for her mother and her family, her friends and associates and her co-workers who filled the sacred edifice to capacity. Her minister, the Rev. R. J. Wilson, M.A., B.D., conducted the service and his sermon and appeal for some one to take up the torch she held so high and carry on the great work she had so valiantly begun touched every heart.

Printed in the Church calendar was a beautiful tribute to the lovable personality of ''their missionary'', by her minister, and appreciations from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Hamilton Presbyterial, the Deaconess Alumnæ, Erskine Women's Missionary Society, the Nurses Alumnæ of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, the members of the staff and Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, W.M.S. Secretary for India, and Miss Winifred Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, which will be treasured by her family and all who knew her.

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In the beautiful chapel of Knox College the second service was observed on December 6th. ''In the chancel a silver vase with a spray of Easter lilies rested on the Holy Table in token of the Resurrection following the sacrifice of the Cross.'' The entire service in its beauty, reverence and simplicity lifted the thoughts of all from the contemplation of sorrow over the death of the young crusader to joy over her triumphant entrance into the presence of her Lord.

Miss MacMurchy, President of the Women's Missionary Society, presided and she was assisted by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Mrs. Daniel Strachan, Miss Isabel McConnell (India), and Miss Winifred Ferguson. The ''In Remembrance'' was given by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, and was followed by a beautiful message in song by Miss Nina Gale. Present at this service were: members of the Council Executive, who had charge of the service, representatives of the Boards of the

W.M.S. in Toronto, and Hamilton, the Assembly's Board of Administration, General Board of Missions, and Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, Knox College, the Canadian School of Missions, the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and many personal friends.

In Remembrance

"THREE short years ago in Erskine Church, Hamilton, where she was held so precious because of her long association with it, a young life was designated to the service of the Master, and to work in the foreign mission fields of our Church, under the Women's Missionary Society, and with high hopes and intense enthusiasm embarked on this great adventure!

Each autumn since, in the same Church, a Mildred Soutar Missionary Sunday has been observed to commemorate her designation and to keep before that congregation the work in which she was engaged, and last week, a service of remembrance was held because God had taken her home!

To-day it seems most fitting that we members of the W.M.S. should meet in this beautiful chapel to lay on the altar of remembrance the flowers of our love and appreciation, for it was here that we saw her receive her diploma at the graduation exercises of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, in April, 1930, and our hearts were filled with joy and thankfulness for these courageous Christian young women offering themselves in the service of their Church at the conclusion of their years of preparation, so successfully culminated on that happy occasion.

Her minister said of Mildred Soutar: "Her life-work cannot be estimated merely by its shortness, but by its love, self-sacrifice and faith" — and to-day as we who knew and loved her, are met together "in remembrance", we know that she has not died! These qualities that she possessed in such a marked degree are imperishable. Her valiant spirit will live on forever in our hearts and in the hearts of those Bhil people in India, whose little children were restored to them through her healing touch, for we learned that she was the means of saving many lives, and those other little ones for whom she made *home,* and was all they knew of *Mother.*

One of the most thrilling revelations of Jesus was that this life is just a beginning, so we think of that new and better life to which she has gone with its fresh opportunities, larger activities and greater joys, and we picture her not separated from her high calling, but wearing a new uniform and ready to go on duty for the Great Physician.

"To us it seemed her work was too soon done.
Ended indeed while scarcely yet begun;
God with His wider vision saw that she
Was ready for a larger ministry."

Whatever we may hear of her illness and last days on earth, for as yet the news has not reached us from that far-off land—however poignantly fraught with sadness the tidings may be, let us avail ourselves of these wonderful sources of comfort — the blessedness of sympathy, the assurance of the love of God, ever present, all pervading —and the precious certainty of the ultimate reunion with our loved ones "if we are counted worthy". So may we be lifted above the things of this world and have a glimpse of the Heavenly Home, which seems so real and near when our loved ones have passed over its threshold.

The work to which Mildred Soutar was appointed was the realization of a dream of another beloved missionary, Miss Robson, and was the gift of a W.M.S. member, Mrs. M. G. Abey of Brandon, Manitoba.

It will always be a source of deep satisfaction that they were able to watch the completion of that stately white building in the green valley of Amkhut, and plan its fittings and furnishings together, and that the opening of the Children's Home had taken place before Miss Robson's failing health necessitated her return to Canada. She felt that Miss Soutar had qualities suitable for just such work as she had undertaken, the nursing and care of little children. "She was so loving", Miss Robson wrote afterwards, and the children were so fond of her—one cannot help thinking of that verse "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my little ones, ye have done it unto me." And one loves to remember how the Mission Band children at home in Canada, helped to support her work, how familiar they all are with it — they, too, will never forget her. As time goes on I shall picture her, not as I actually saw her during her training in Toronto and elsewhere, but surrounded by these little dark children in India — a babe in her arms, another clinging to her skirts, one climbing on her as she wrote letters. One marvelled that she could write so many letters giving such vivid descriptions of the details of her days' and nights' work, and in the midst of the most trying situations there was so often that saving sense of humour, the quaintly turned phrase that proved her joy in living, and that she served the Lord with gladness.

And as we turn the pages of the book of remembrance may we pause often at the one that contained her life's sweet story, and take from it every lesson that may be learned, every bit of inspiration towards greater devotion in our own lives, realizing that "they who may hope to do the will of God hereafter are those who are humbly trying to do that will on earth. These shall inherit the Kingdom!" All is well with our child, she is "with Christ, which is far better".

'Death cannot long divide
For is it not as though the rose that climbed my garden wall
Had blossomed on the other side?
Death may hide, but not divide,
She is but on Christ's other side'."

Her Light Burns High

In memory of Miss Mildred Soutar, R.N., missionary,
who died at Jobat, India, November 19th, 1933.

"God calls his workmen, but
His work goes on,"
O'er mountain-top and plain,
In day's young dawn;
His standard-bearers yield,
But other hands
Shall lift their banners up
In alien lands.

And though she sleeps, who gave
In three short years
A service sweet and fine,
Let not our tears
Alone, the token be—
Nay, we must try
To carry far her work,
That it be lifted high.

God calls his workmen home—
The babes she fed,
Must now by other hands
Be led.
But in the passing, she
Has set a light,
That we who follow after
MUST keep bright.

She will not go to Him
With empty hands.
Her work was done, her Master
Understands
Some need there was for her—
For her alone,
And in compassion sweet
He called her Home.

—*Lereine Ballantyne.*

Editorial

IN new ways God is speaking to the hearts of men, calling them to give up many prejudices, to accept new visions and hear Him speak in new ways. We need to pray that our eyes may be opened that we may see, our hearts quickened that we may have larger sympathies, our minds enlightened that we may have greater wisdom, our faith increased that we may set ourselves to our work with new faith and new courage. A new world is coming in.—*Edwin Stevens Lines.*

Prayer

SCIENTISTS tell us that great as are the undiscovered forces of nature, the undiscovered power of prayer is even greater. If this be true, and we believe it is, then the most important thing in the life of our Women's Missionary Society is prayer.

In the days of the prophets, we read that Israel exalted secondary things to a place of primary importance and God gave them meagreness of soul. To-day many Christian people are so ''busy here and there'' maintaining the outward activities of a Christian life that they have lost their vision and therefore the power for service. As one writer has said ''meagreness of soul shows itself in an activity that crowds out the quiet hour, and in a service that loses the controlling sense of the abiding presence of Christ.''

The mountain tops were ever to our Blessed Lord the place of vision and of strength. There He met the Father and from communion with Him He came down to meet misunderstanding, opposition, and hate. But, He came clothed with power. ''They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and faint not.''

If we, as W.M.S. women, would learn anew the source of power for service and heed the words of our Lord who said: ''Ye shall receive power. . . . tarry ye,'' there will come to us ''equipment for life and service, adequate power for every need and new tides of spiritual life which alone will enable us to fulfil the waiting tasks.''

World Day of Prayer

WE would direct the thoughts of the women of our Church to the World Day of Prayer which will be held on Friday, February 16th. Beginning in a small way this observance has grown to be a world event, yet strange as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that, in Canada, many places and many people have not yet been reached with the message of this day.

It comes as a rebuke to us to read in a letter from Japan:

> "That an interdenominational group, composed of women of seventeen denominations has taken over the publication of the World Day of Prayer Programme in Spanish, and that they are supplying all Spanish speaking countries with this programme."

Also from Tokyo, this further statement:

> "We are now planning for the Women's World Day of Prayer, and though we only had fifteen dollars to work with we decided that in order to arouse interest we must once, at least, send a programme and an explanation of the movement to every Christian women's meeting in every Church. We are raising $50 ourselves (the committee), and are mailing programmes to over 2,000 places, so we hope there will be many meetings and much interest. The meeting in Tokyo last year was wonderful, with three or four hundred keen Christian women in earnest prayer from 9.00 a.m. till 4.00 p.m. It was an inspiration, and a privilege to be there."

A Gift from Japan

A REMEMBRANCE which the Council Executive will always treasure has just been received by them. It is a beautiful little water color painting by Mr. Yamada, of Tokio, Japan, and is a gift from him to our Board in recognition of the late Dr. Caroline Macdonald and her work.

Mr. Yamada was one of the prisoners who became a Christian through the influence of Dr. Caroline Macdonald. He is carrying on her work, visiting the prisoners and starting them in a small business when they leave the prison. Some go out to sell needles and small wares, others are loaned money to help them re-establish themselves. Some are lodged and fed. Whatever the method followed the great fact is that Mr. Yamada is a father to these criminals in the way he helps them to enter upon a new life.

His painting is to be framed, suitably inscribed, and placed on the wall of the W.M.S. Committee Room, in the Sterling Tower Building, Toronto.

A Translator

MISS CHRISTINE MAXWELL, our evangelistic missionary among the Bhil people at Sardi, Central India, for the past seven years, has recently translated into Bhili the Gospel of St. John and the First Epistle of John. Always an earnest Bible student, Miss Maxwell, when on furlough in Canada two years ago, spent much of her holiday studying Greek and Hebrew in Knox College. We who have always had our Bible in our own language can hardly conceive what the translation of these beautiful books into their own tongue will mean to these new Bhil Christians. Miss Maxwell has made a great contribution and, while we heartily congratulate her, we pray that God's blessing may follow this service for her beloved people.

A Loyal Churchwoman

IN the passing of Mrs. Herbert Sellers, of Winnipeg, our Church and W.M.S. has lost one of its loyal and devoted workers and the blind, the poor and the unfortunate in Winnipeg a true friend. In her death her Church honored her with a public funeral, and she was laid to rest in the cemetery of Kildonan Church, that Westminster Abbey of Presbyterianism, which she loyally upheld during the unforgettable controversy previous to 1925, and ever since.

New Missionary Arrives in India

WORD has been received of the safe arrival in India of Miss Mary Sherrick. Miss Catherine Moodie, of Jhansi, Miss Ellen Douglas, of Jobat, and Miss Mildred Soutar, of Amkhut, all close friends, went to Bombay to meet her and they had a joyful time escorting the new missionary to Amkhut. In the face of the sad happening that later followed, we dwell with gratitude on this happy episode.

The Council to Meet

THE Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with greatly reduced representation from the Council Executive and Provincial Societies, will meet during the week of May 29th, in Montreal, the city where it was organized seventy years ago.

Excuses

AT this time of the year a number of people are very busy making up excuses for not taking the *Glad Tidings.* ''I never read it; It costs too much; I read the same thing in the *Record*; Am not interested in missions,'' are some of the excuses. It has been said, ''There is a vast difference between a reason and an excuse.''

Jesus said, ''Go ye into all the world.'' But, how can we go, even in thought, if we do not know something about the people and their condition, and how can we know unless we read, and where can we get authentic information and at such a small cost? Forty pages of reading matter is what the *Glad Tidings* provides for slightly over three cents a month. Subscriptions are taken all through the year but the wise woman begins with the January number.

The 1934 Estimates

Mrs. R. C. Donald, Finance Secretary

THE estimates for 1934 were presented to the Council Executive of November 28th and accepted. They appear in this number of the *Glad Tidings,* which is a month earlier than usual. We hope our Provincials and Presbyterials will find this helpful.

The preparation of these Estimates has been very difficult and rather heartbreaking. You will see that once more the total is very considerably reduced—being now $158,000.00. We hoped and prayed that this would not be necessary, that the receipts for 1933 would justify our leaving our Estimate at $171,000. But by the end of October it was evident that our receipts would fall far short of that amount, therefore it was decided that we must make another cut.

We would ask every member of our Society to make a careful study of these Estimates, comparing them with other years so that all may understand what work we are undertaking and what has had to be reduced or cut out entirely. Every year since 1928 we have given $1,000 to Church Extension for pioneer work. This we feel we cannot do in 1934.

This has all been very hard and sad but we do not feel discouraged for, thanks to the marvellous economy practised by all our missionaries, superintendents, etc., and to the faithfulness of all our members and officers we have not had to borrow during this difficult year. For all this and many many mercies we thank our loving Heavenly Father .

W. M. S. ESTIMATES FOR 1934

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Two Nurses' Salaries	1,750.00	
Insurance	209.00	
Relief Nurse	225.00	
		$3,384.00

"Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Three Nurses' Salaries	2,520.00	
Relief Nurse	275.00	
Coal	1,800.00	
Maintenance	1,800.00	
Repairs	100.00	
Insurance	305.00	
		$8,000.00

"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Two Nurses' Salaries	1,655.00	
Relief Nurse	225.00	
Insurance	132.00	
Repairs	100.00	
		$3,312.00
		$14,696.00
Refunds		1,000.00
		$13,696.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Que.—

Miss Agnes Dickson, Salary	$1,000.00	
Expenses and Room Rent	410.00	
Travelling and Substitute	100.00	
Miss Hattie Jue, Salary	770.00	
Mrs. J. Herman, Salary (part time)	420.00	
Equipment	30.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	175.00	
		$2,905.00

Brockville, Ont.—

Miss H. W. Davies, Honorarium and Expenses		$225.00

Toronto, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary	$960.00	
Expenses and Supplies (kindergarten)	200.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
Miss Lambert, Salary (part time)	240.00	
Mrs. Ma, Honorarium	100.00	
Bible Vacation School	20.00	
Miss Lily Yeung, Salary	600.00	
	$2,420.00	
Less Amount Received as Special Gift	240.00	
		$2,180.00

Vancouver, B.C.—

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$960.00	
Mrs. G. F. Louie, Salary	720.00	
Supplies and Expenses for Two Workers	140.00	
Rent of Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$2,020.00

Victoria, B.C.—

Miss G. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	840.00	
Expenses and Supplies	25.00	
		$1,925.00
Chinese Literature for Saskatchewan		15.00
		$9,270.00

EDUCATIONAL—PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

New Liskeard, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary	$800.00	
Taxes	350.00	
Fuel Allowances	200.00	
		$1,350.00

Saskatoon, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$820.00	
House Help	300.00	
Local Improvements, Tax	60.00	
Maintenance	400.00	
Insurance	44.00	
		$1,624.00

Huntingdon, Que.—

Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Fuel	400.00	
School Fees	200.00	
Insurance	38.00	
		$1,538.00

Prince Albert, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$770.00	
Local Improvements, Tax	15.50	
Fuel	200.00	
House Help	200.00	
School Fees and Board	150.00	
Insurance	247.00	
		$1,582.50

Vegreville, Alta.—

Matron of Boys' Residence		$720.00	
Matron of Girls' Residence		850.00	
House Help		480.00	
Fuel		500.00	
Taxes		820.00	
Insurance		195.00	
Maintenance	$1,500.00		
Less Probable Receipts from Pupils	500.00		
		$1,000.00	
			$4,565.00
			$10,659.50
Refunds			500.00
			$10,159.50

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Man.—

Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
Two Teachers' Salaries	1,370.00	
Assistant Matrons (two) Salaries	1,150.00	
Laundress	500.00	
Nurse's Salary	600.00	
Engineer's Salary	600.00	
Water, Light, Fuel	1,225.00	
Taxes on Farm	57.00	
		$7,352.00

Mistawasis, Sask.—

Teacher's Salary, Paid by Government	....	
Board of Children	$250.00	
Maintenance and Fuel	350.00	
		$600.00

"Cecilia Jeffrey" Kenora, Ont.—

Principal's Salary	$1,350.00	
Matron	600.00	
Nurse's Salary	720.00	
Three Teachers' Salaries	2,210.00	
Sewing Matron, Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	720.00	
Water, Light and Fuel	1,225.00	
		$7,325.00
Contingency		120.00
		$15,397.00
Insurance on Old School		179.60
		$15,576.60
Additional probable Per Capita Grant from Department of Indian Affairs		$32,000.00

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Mary Murray, Salary (part time) Hospital Visitor	$605.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Salary (part time) Hungarian Work	480.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Mrs. M. Fesenko, Salary (part time) Ukrainian Work	480.00	
Expenses	57.50	
		$1,737.50

Hamilton, Ont.—

Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. F. Kovacs, Salary (part time) Hungarian Work	480.00	
Expenses	57.50	
		$1,707.50

Ottawa, Ont.—		
Miss Mary Hugill, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,320.00
Montreal, Que.—		
Miss Iris Munro, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	135.00	
		$1,195.00
Quebec, Que.—		
Miss R. R. Scott, Honorarium	$300.00	
Expenses	50.00	
		$350.00
Winnipeg, Man.—		
Miss Mary Todd, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Miss Helen Ross, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,070.00
Regina, Sask.—		
Miss L. Macarthur, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,320.00
Prince Albert, Sask.—		
Miss Hazel Macdonald, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	165.00	
		$1,125.00
Red Deer, Alta.—		
Miss Frieda Matthews, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses, Transportation, etc.	165.00	
		$1,125.00
Calgary, Alta.—		
Miss V. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,170.00
Peace River District, Alta.—		
Miss Margaret Grigor, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		$1,210.00
Grant to Fresh Air Camp		100.00
Contingency		200.00
Probable Replacement of Worker		900.00
		$15,600.00

SUPPLIES

Department Expenditure	$2,200.00
TOTAL OF NATIONAL MISSIONS	$66,502.10

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—		
Miss Christine Maxwell	$900.00	
Miss Isabel McConnell	900.00	
Miss M. H. Williamson	900.00	
Miss Ellen I. Douglas	800.00	
Miss Mildred Soutar*	*800.00	
Miss I. M. Errey	700.00	
Miss B. M. MacMurchy	700.00	
Miss Mary Sherrick	650.00	
		$6,350.00
Evangelistic	$1,168.00	
Educational	4,590.00	
Medical	3,397.00	
Miscellaneous, Maintenance, Repairs, Taxes, Itinerating, Electricity for W.M.S. Bungalow	1,560.00	
	$10,715.00	
Less 10 per cent	1,071.50	
		$9,643.50
Vacation Allowance		450.00
Language Study		450.00
Miss McConnell's Furlough Return Travel		600.00
		$17,493.50

*This amount will be used for a nurse to take the place of the late Miss Mildred Soutar.

Jhansi

Salaries—			
Miss F. I. Stringer	$900.00		
Miss A. L. Whatling	900.00		
Miss L. A. Simpson	900.00		
Dr. E. H. Thurrott	800.00		
Miss C. Moodie	800.00		
Miss E. McKechnie	700.00		
		$5,000.00	
Educational	$3,892.00		
Evangelistic and Orphanage	1,748.00		
Miscellaneous, Maintenance, Repairs, Taxes and Itinerating	693.00		
Medical	1,395.00		
	$7,728.00		
Less 10 per cent	772.80		
		$6,955.20	
Vacation Allowance		375.00	
Language Study		120.00	
			$12,450.20
Ludhiana Medical College			50.00
St. Christopher's Training School			100.00
			$30,093.70

EXPANSION FOR INDIA

Girls' Hostel, Jhansi		$3,000.00
Training Home for Nurses and Bible Women in Jobat		2,000.00
W.M.S. Maternity Ward and Equipment, Jobat Hospital		2,200.00
		$7,200.00
Less Special Gift	$2,200.00	
Amount taken from Legacy Fund	5,000.00	
		$7,200.00

FORMOSA

Salaries—			
Miss Alma Burdick		$900.00	
Miss Ada Adams		900.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas		900.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay		900.00	
Miss Ethel Chisholm		900.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor		800.00	
Miss Hildur Hermanson		800.00	
Miss Mary McVey		700.00	
Miss Phyllis Argall		800.00	
Mrs. Koa (Special Worker)		650.00	
			$8,250.00
Educational—			
Girls' School, Maintenance	$3,500.00		
Women's School, Maintenance	200.00		
Kindergarten, Maintenance	500.00		
		$4,200.00	
Evangelistic—			
Bible Women	$900.00		
Travel on Field	200.00		
		$1,100.00	
Miscellaneous—			
Maintenance W.M.S. Property	$1,000.00		
Rents, Taxes, House Furnishings, and Stationery	600.00		
		$1,600.00	
		$6,900.00	
Less 10 per cent		690.00	
			$6,210.00
Language Study			800.00
Vacation Allowances (7)			525.00
Furlough, Travel Return for Misses Adams and Burdick			800.00
Furlough, Travel to Canada, Misses Douglas and Ramsay.			800.00
Salary of Doctor or Nurse for Mackay Memorial Hospital (Replacement)			650.00
			$18,035.00

"Happy Mount" Chapel (Fourth Instalment met from Legacy Fund, $1,000.00).

CHINA

Manchuria

Bible Women	$400.00	
Christian Literature	100.00	
		$500.00

Shanghai

Grant to Christian Literature Society		50.00

South China

Dr. Jessie MacBean, Salary	$1,000.00	
Rent	150.00	
Vacation Allowance	75.00	
Grant to Hackett Medical College	1,000.00	
		$2,225.00
Grant to Evangelistic Work Under the Church of Christ in China		1,000.00
		$3,775.00
On Hand with the Associated Mission Treasurers in China		1,742.00
		$2,033.00

JAPAN

Salaries—		
Miss Ellen Anderson	$ 950.00	
Miss Jean C. McLean	1,050.00	
		$2,000.00
Bible Women	720.00	
Travel on Field	150.00	
Salaries of Bible Women	1,700.00	
Kindergartens	1,500.00	
Assistance Bible School Students	150.00	
Tracts and Bible Vacation Schools	200.00	
	$4,420.00	
Less 10 per cent	442.00	
		$3,978.00
Vacation Allowance		75.00
Furlough Travel for Miss McLean		400.00
Rent and Furnishings		200.00
		$6,653.00

BRITISH GUIANA (as may be required)

TOTAL OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS	$56,814.70

NEW MISSIONARIES

New Missionaries	$1,650.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and "Glad Tidings"

Salaries		$5,900.00
Office Rent (part)		933.60
New Publications (Free Leaflets)	$ 350.00	
Annual Reports	1,500.00	
Tabulated Forms	225.00	
Publications for workers "Glad Tidings" $150.00, Publications $100.00	250.00	
	$2,325.00	
Less 10 per cent	232.50	$2,092.50
		$8,926.10

ORGANIZATION

Field Secretaries, Salaries—		
Miss Pelton (seven months)	$ 759.00	
Miss Lamont	1,300.00	
Girls' Work Secretary (part year)	900.00	$2,959.00
Travel and other expenses, two Field Secretaries and Girls' Work Secretary	$2,250.00	
Presbyterian Girls' Camp	125.00	
Travelling Expenses, Presbyterial Executives	670.00	
	$3,045.00	
Less 10 per cent	304.50	$2,740.50
Deputation Work		300.00
		$5,999.50

STUDENT

Department Expenditure	$100.00	
Less 10 per cent	10.00	90.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditure		200.00

LANTERN SLIDES

Boxes, Slides, Prints, Express, etc., ⅓ Expenses of Assembly's Committee	$150.00	
Less 10 per cent	15.00	$135.00

LIBRARY

Department Expenditure	$290.00	
Grant to Hungarian Literature	120.00	
	$410.00	
Less	40.00	$370.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Exchange	$4,000.00	
Interdenominational Christian Literature	250.00	
Canadian School of Missions	425.00	
Federated Fees	225.00	
Grant to Knox College	100.00	
Grant to Deaconess Home	100.00	
Deputation Work	400.00	
Pensions W.M.S. Workers	1,900.00	
Council Meeting (reduced)	3,725.00	
		$11,125.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	$3,804.00	
Rent (part)	933.60	
Auditing	250.00	
General Expense	1,200.00	
		$6,187.60

SUMMARY

National Missions	$66,502.10
Overseas Missions	56,814.70
New Missionaries	1,650.00
Publications	8,926.10
Organization	5,999.50
Student	90.00
Candidate	200.00
Lantern Slides	135.00
Library	370.00
Miscellaneous	11,125.00
Administration	6,187.60
	$158,000.00

World Day of Prayer

February 16th, 1934

A CALL TO PRAYER GOES OUT TO ALL PEOPLE

"God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem"

PRAY

Prayer is consciously to enter God's presence: to speak to Him and to hear Him speak.

PRAY FOR PEACE — PEACE IN OUR HEART

Peace is the rich soil in which all fair things grow. "Whatever we think and feel will color what we say or do. He who fears, even unconsciously, or who has his least little dream tainted with hate, will inevitably, sooner or later, translate these two qualities into his action.'' ''Blessed are the peace-makers:'' they are God's children.

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

OUR HOME TOWN—The place we know best: the streets that take us to our daily work: *May peace dwell there!*

OUR CHURCH—Where we try to serve God, and expect to meet with *Him: May peace dwell there!*

THE HOLY CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD—*May the peace ''That surpasses all our dreams'' rest upon the Church of God!*

''The Lord of Peace, Himself, give you peace always by all means.''

Mrs. Robert Forgan of Edinburgh, Scotland, has prepared this Call to Prayer, and you are invited to use it until the World Day of Prayer, March 8, 1935.

PROVINCIAL KEY-WOMEN FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Alberta—

British Columbia—Miss A. May Hilliard, 4621 Bellevue Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Manitoba—Mrs. A. E. Floyd, 106 Norquay Street, Winnipeg, Man.

New Brunswick—Mrs. Evan H. Fitzgerald, 70 Kennedy Street, Saint John, N.B.

Nova Scotia—

Ontario—Mrs. Ralph Starrett, 36 Dorval Road, Toronto 9, Ont.

Prince Edward Island—

Quebec—Miss Elizabeth MacKay, 426 Marcil Rd., N.D.G., Montreal.

Saskatchewan—Mrs. J. G. McKechnie, 2348 Wallace Street, Regina.

Lantern Slides

''From Ocean Unto Ocean''

MANY requests for pictures showing the work of our Church in Canada have resulted in the collection of slides which we hope will be ready for use early in January. The new set has for its title ''From Ocean Unto Ocean.'' It attempts in a brief outline to give some idea of the varied aspects of deaconess, Sabbath School, summer camps, Mission Bands, School Residences, Indian, frontier and relief work carried on by the Presbyterian Church. Some readers will think the lecturette too brief. Some will make their own lecturettes to fit the pictures. Whatever use is made of the collection it is hoped that it will create an interest in the various branches of helpful service in which our Church is engaged in Canada, and that those who see and hear may feel that their gifts are being used in the best possible way. No brief description can begin to tell of the services rendered in all our congregations and missions. Our space and time is limited. Our supply of pictures is also limited. We cannot travel about with a camera and so are dependent on our friends in every corner for snapshots of interesting subjects related to our work. Your Provincial Lantern Slide Secretary will be glad to receive pictures. It is not necessary to send the negative, a print is all that is required.

A word of advice as to ordering the slides— Write your Provincial Secretary *early*. Return *promptly*.

Much inconvenience, worry and disappointment has been caused by thoughtlessness. When slides are broken it is expected that those responsible will pay the cost.

A single set of about twenty pictures of the work in the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' is available, also a small set on Dr. Jessie MacBean's work in Canton. These two sets must be ordered several weeks ahead.

Provincial Lantern Slide Secretaries

Alberta—Mrs. W. Carmichael, Carstairs.
British Columbia—Mrs. Mary Turner, 2909 Alder St., Vancouver.
Maritime Provinces—Mrs. S. W. McCulloch, 664 Prince St., Truro, N.S.
Ontario—Mrs. A. W. Talbot, 8 Biggar Ave., Toronto.
Quebec—Mrs. A. W. Lamb, 1477 Fort St., Montreal.
Saskatchewan and Manitoba—Mrs. G. F. Blair, 2256 McIntyre St., Regina, Sask.

—*J. Florence Lang.*

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

THIS year the World Day of Prayer Programme is based on Peace, in the home, in the Church, in the world. It is a wonderful theme, and of vital concern to every Christian woman. To appreciate the problems of other nations, and to become acquainted with them in a truly friendly way, one must know them, and if one cannot travel then one must read. Make 1934 a year of ''knowing other nations.''

To know the East read Basil Mathew's, WORLD TIDES IN THE FAR EAST, just off the press, price 60c. in paper.

To know Indian villages read OUT OF BONDAGE, by Stephen Neill, 60c. in paper.

To know Missionary work in Manchuria read MIRACLE LIVES OF CHINA, by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, in cloth $1.25.

To know the early days in Formosa read THE BLACK BEARDED BARBARIAN, in cloth $1.50.

MACKAY OF FORMOSA, by Rev. J. McNab, is being cleared at 10c. per copy. Just the price of a leaflet. Every member should have a copy. $1.00 per dozen, in dozen lots.

DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAMMES are now ready for shipment. Order in plenty of time, Programmes for Auxiliaries, one cent each. Programmes for Girls' Groups, one cent each.

This is the time to check up on the requirements for your Missionary Bookshelf or Library. Stock-taking will bring out many real opportunities to buy books at clearance prices.

With the celebration by the Y.W.C.A. of forty years of national work in Canada an attractive little booklet has been printed, ''The Story of the Y.W.C.A. in Canada.'' It sells for 25c. each and should be of great interest to all who share in the progress of this sister organization.

They Went Forth

BY JOHN MCNAB

AS a book telling the story or rather stories of a number of pioneer missionaries, this volume is a complete and pleasant surprise. It reads more like a series of adventures, which it truly is — the tale of men and women who went adventuring in the highest cause known to man. Nor is it a ''dry'' recital of facts, but beginning with the missionaries as young people, and very human young people at that, the author takes one through the highlights of lives filled with courage, zeal and attainment.

Take Dr. Caroline Macdonald. Of her prison work, the equal of which the world has never seen before, an official said, ''We are used to crime here; it does not touch us much, but we never saw repentance before.'' Her heart went out to ''all in every land who had never had a chance.'' She did not preach to criminals — she took them to her heart, and became their friend. Her chapter, ''The White Angel of Tokio,'' reads like a romance.

Dr. James Robertson, the doughty giant of Western Canada, who counselled a wealthy man who gave small donations to worthy causes, to increase it ten-fold, and save him ten visits, is a life worth knowing. They are all worth knowing, and it will give our young people a new respect for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and a pride in belonging to any country which can produce heroes and heroines whose lives have been so vividly and graphically sketched on the pages of this interesting book. It is a real contribution to good literature.—*L. Ballantyne.*

Prayer

OUR Father which art in heaven, Thou who hearest the prayers of Thy children everywhere, be pleased to hear us as we plead for Thy blessing upon us throughout the New Year. In the days that have passed Thou hast spoken to us in many ways — sometimes through joy, sometimes through sorrow but always in love. Grant that Thy messages may not have fallen on deaf ears or unresponsive hearts. We thank Thee that Thou hast spared us to see another year with all its opportunities for service. Grant that as we undertake each day's task we may have a very real sense of Thy companionship. May we never be daunted by difficulties or turned aside from appointed duties but ever remember that the Lord God Omnipotent ruleth. Bless, we pray Thee, our King and Empire, our Church and her ministry. Guide and bless the missionaries of the Cross in every land. Enfold with Thy comforting love, those on the Bhil Field, India, who sorrow over the loss of their beloved missionary nurse, Mildred Soutar. We thank Thee for her consecrated life and devoted service. May her sacrifice not be in vain, but be the means, under Thee, of calling many others to take up the work she has laid down. We thank Thee also for the life and example of those officers and members of our Society, who, during the past year, have ''entered into rest.'' We pray Thee in Thine infinite mercy to lighten the burden of sorrow for those who have been bereaved. May we be ever grateful for all who have ''faithfully lived, peacefully died and have sought in small things as in great to do Thy will.'' May a dying Saviour's love, a risen Saviour's power, an ascended Saviour's intercession, and a coming Saviour's glory be the inspiration of our lives as we go forward to the tasks of 1934. Amen.

''Dear Master, as the old year dieth soon
Take Thou my harp,
And prove if any string be out of tune,
Or flat, or sharp!
Correct Thou, Lord, for me
What ringeth harsh to Thee,
That heart and life may sing, the new year long,
Thy perfect song!''

YOUNG WOMEN

EARTH-CHIME

A NEW YEAR dawns!
And forth we go to meet it
With song upon our lips,
And in our hearts great thankfulness.
The year that's past
Has brought us many lessons we have learned,
And given us a vision glorious
To see beyond the mist of earth-born fears.
Into this new year let us go with courage,
Fearlessness — and hope to charm the way
That brings us to our daily bread.
Let strength fail not and love be benediction.
May gratitude peal forth:
''We, thank Thee, God.''
Let Him who walked the way of Galilee
Pattern our ways.
To victory He rose. May we rise, too.
And as on Him, the dove of peace came down,
See it descend upon the hearts of men.
We ask Thee, Father, as the Master asked,
And as He bade us do.
''We, thank Thee, God.''

The New Year's Joy

The New Year is calling. Another milestone is passed. The year 1933 has been a good teacher, although a stern one. It has been a year of holding fast to faith, where it has not been one of real advancement. The dawn of the New Year brings renewed hope, renewed efforts, new beginnings and new opportunities. As we stand at the beginning of this new untried way, our hearts rejoice because we do not have to travel it alone, for the ''Light of the world'' shall guide us as we journey down the days of the coming year.

May the New Year be to you as but a turning of a leaf in the book of time, closing a chapter of pleasant memories, to find a new page radiant with joy.

A Step Forward

Miss Barbara Dougherty, of Outremont, Quebec, sends the following interesting report concerning leaders in that province—

''The members of the Young Women's Auxiliaries and Affiliated Groups in Montreal have formed a Young Women's Auxiliary Leaders' Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to develop a stronger leadership among the members of our Young Women's Auxiliaries for

Auxiliary and Presbyterial work by means of (a) One study course a year; (b) Discussion and conference in mutual fellowship.

The object of the Leaders' Fellowship is to give to every leader and potential leader, within the Young Women's membership of our Presbyterial, an opportunity to develop to the highest degree, her capacity for leadership. Only members of Young Women's Auxiliaries and Affiliated Groups are eligible for membership, such members to be elected to the Fellowship by their respective groups.

Our study course for this year is ''The Study of the Sources of the Books of the Old Testament.''

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

ENTERTAINING IN HINDU STYLE

THE New Year is the time for entertaining, and we welcome visits from our friends, new and old. Does your group want to entertain? Why not invite the mothers or the members of the W.M.S. to an informal tea or supper. Perhaps you would like to show the spirit of love and goodwill by inviting foreign girls in the community to your party. Hindu games might be played — several are suggested in the ''Study help,'' or Hindu stories told. The hostesses might wear saris, and as a special touch, serve Hindu refreshments. Here are some suggestions.

Limeade.—Made as we make lemonade, using fresh limes instead of lemons.

Khasta.—A kind of cookie, very dainty and crisp; 2 cups flour; 2 tablespoons sugar; salt. Mix with milk, knead, and roll as thin as possible. Cut with a small cutter and fry in grease.

Fried Peanuts.—If it is possible to get raw peanuts (from Planter's or other companies), they may be fried and served.

Ramakin Toast.—Grate 2 ounces of cheese and put in a saucepan. Add one-half ounce of butter, a little cayenne pepper, a spoonful of prepared mustard, and a little salt. Stir until well mixed, but be careful that it does not become oily. Spread on toast, brown in the oven, and serve hot.

Beveca (A Hindu Pudding).—1 cup rice flour; 1 cup wheat flour; 4 eggs; 1 cocoanut; 1 tablespoon butter; 2 tablespoons sugar; carroway seeds; few sliced almonds; milk of one cocoanut. Cream butter and sugar; add egg yolks. Add gradually the flours and milk, then the grated cocoanut. Put in the whites of the eggs, stiffly beaten. The mixture should be a thick dough. Butter your tin (preferably an oblong one) and put in the dough. Spread melted butter on top, and sprinkle with almonds and carroway seeds. Bake in a moderate oven.

How to Cook Rice in Hindu Style.—Measure 1 cup of dry rice for every two persons to be served. Wash the rice thoroughly with cold water and leave to soak for 1 hour. Put in pan with water 1¼ or 1½ inches above the rice. Keep the rice over a slow fire until it begins to boil, then make the fire as strong as possible. When the water on top is gone, and bubbles are seen coming up from numerous holes, make the fire very low and cook slowly. When no noise is heard put the fire out. After the fire is out, let the pan stand for 20 minutes and then remove into a bowl and serve. The pan must be kept tightly covered while cooking. Do not open it often.

I hope that your party will be a great success, and that for all of you the New Year may hold much happiness.

—O. Mary Hill.

MISSION BANDS

God Calls Our Beloved Missionary Nurse Home

Miss Soutar Administering Cod Liver Oil to her Babies.

DEAR Miss Soutar, our beloved missionary, died at Jobat, India, on Sunday, November 19th. God, our loving Heavenly Father, called her home to live with Him in heaven. We all feel very sorry, but we must not be unhappy because God who loves us all knows what is best for us. Let us all as Mission Banders remember her as our Mission Band nurse who worked hard at school, in the hospital and in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home so that she could be efficient when she went to India. Let us remember all she did for the little children in India, and how she gave up everything to light the candle of love in a dark corner of the world.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WHO-EE-EE whistled the North Wind as it rushed past the window of Marjorie's bedroom. Marjorie opened her eyes and peeked out from under her nice warm blankets. She looked out the open window and saw that the stars were still shining so she snuggled down again in her cosy bed.

Marjorie wondered why she felt so excited, and then she remembered it was New Year's Day. She thought, ''this is the day that everyone wishes everyone else a Happy New Year, I wonder what will happen to me this year? I wonder if I will be happy?''

''Perhaps,'' whistled the North Wind as it blew around the corner of the house.

Marjorie was surprised, ''Why of course I shall be happy,'' she said, ''for I have a nice sled and a lovely doll and I am going to get a little dog all of my own in the spring.''

''You will never gain happiness by getting,'' whistled the old North Wind, ''only by giving. The happy people are those who share what they have with others.''

''I would like to be happy,'' said Marjorie, ''but I am only a little girl. There isn't anything I can do is there?''

''Lots of things,'' answered the Wind. ''Come along with me and I will show you some of the things you could help to do if you wanted to.''

Marjorie felt herself wrapped in a blanket, picked up by the Wind and carried away to a Mission Hospital. The Wind paused over a big building, then blew around it until it found a window slightly open and Marjorie and the Wind blew in.

''Why this is a ward in a hospital,'' said Marjorie.

''Yes,'' said the Wind, ''this is a mission hospital, these poor people who had no place else to go when they became ill are being taken care of by the Women's Missionary Society. Do you see the little girl over there, she has been in the hospital for some time. Look at the doll she is hugging so tightly.''

''Why I have seen that doll before,'' said Marjorie, ''my cousin dressed it last summer. She is a Mission Bander you know.''

''I know all about it,'' answered the Wind, ''and I thought you would like to see the little girl to whom the doll went. But come, we must hurry on for I want to show you one of the Indian Residential Schools.''

So they flew out of the window and went so quickly that all Marjorie could see was the stars above and the snow below.

''Here we are,'' said the Wind, as they rushed past the windows of a large brick building. ''See all those nice Indian boys asleep in their dormitory. Look in the windows on the other side and you will see the girls. These are the lucky Indian children! They are being taught as you are at school also the girls have lessons in housekeeping and the boys are being taught to farm. Best of all they are hearing the stories of Jesus. Do you know that there are still pagan Indians in Canada?''

Away again they flew so fast that Marjorie lost her breath and when they stopped she could see nothing but deep snow for miles around and a very small house and barn in the centre of a clearing.

''These are settlers,'' said the Wind, ''who are opening up our country for us. They are very poor and have just one room in their home. If you had been with me on Christmas eve you could have seen the W.M.S. deaconess coming with nice warm clothing for them all, a scrap-book for the little girl and a bag of marbles for the boy. What a Merry Christmas they had!''

''Who-ee-ee,'' said the North Wind, ''it is almost daylight so I must get you home.''

''Couldn't I too help make some of these people happy?'' said Marjorie.

''Of course you could,'' the Wind replied, ''you could join the Mission Band and then you, too, would help with the work Mission Banders do. Happy New Year,'' called the Wind, and was gone.

''Oh!'' said Marjorie as she opened her eyes. ''A whole year before me and I know that in it I shall find lots of things to do to make other people happy. Happy New Year everybody,'' she called as she jumped out of bed. *—B. K. Riddell.*

Training Course for Mission Band Leaders

The Religious Education Council of Canada is preparing a Correspondence Training Course for Mission Band Leaders. It is entitled:

Missionary Education Course for Leaders of Children.

This consists of ten lectures, with questions. Unfortunately, the publication of the complete course has been delayed, but when it is ready full particulars about it will be announced in the ''Glad Tidings''.

The following is a short outline of the first lecture. Brief articles on each chapter will appear month by month in this paper.

A training course in Mission Band work is a step forward and it is hoped that all our leaders will take advantage of it.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION — WHAT IS IT?

Synopsis of Lecture I.

MISSIONARY Education! What does it mean to us as Mission Band Leaders? We realize that Mission Bands are different from Auxiliaries, in that Mission Bands are training grounds; Mission Banders are being prepared to take their place in the world. The success of the Band should be measured not by what is accomplished, but by what the children learn to do themselves. Keeping this in mind we realize that our objectives are very important.

We now quote, in part, from Miss Eadie who is preparing the course:

In planning our work what is our objective? Do we think of:—

1. Implanting knowledge.
2. Raising money.
3. Making things to send off in a bale.
4. Sharing the story of Jesus.
5. Sharing willingly and joyfully with others.
6. Helping children to follow Jesus through friendly living.

Whatever our attitude may have been let us think about this brief set of questions. Which one after all is of prime importance? Which could be said to constitute the best *main* objective with our children?

For instance, what an amazing, far-reaching, interesting, thrilling task opens up before us if we see our work in the light of question 6. Think of it! what a glorious thing to do something to help create a world of friendly children following the example and precept of Jesus. This means some day a world in which there will be no inter-racial hate or misunderstanding; but a world of friendship, love, goodwill; a world built on what Jesus Christ came to establish. This is exactly what we can help to create if, as leaders, we see our objective in this light, and work towards this goal, for the children in our groups to-day are the men and women of to-morrow. It is a great goal, and other questions will be considered from many angles as this course proceeds.

The leader's object is to develop the children in the Band, in order that they may live their lives at the fullest and best. The example of Jesus is our measuring rod, and it is not knowledge about Jesus which counts most of all, but it is living life as He lived it, in His everyday relationships, at home, in school, on the street, in the market-place with Samaritans, Pharisees, and Jews. It is thinking of others as He thought of them. It is trying to behave as He behaved.

Helping children to follow Jesus through friendly living! what a great goal that is! If we are to succeed, it means helping the children to understand what friendship means. It means choosing the methods and material which will build up friendship, which will make for right understanding, and co-operation amongst children. It means the actual practice of friendship ourselves, and it means helping our children also to practice it with their playmates and children in other lands.

What a great programme of work! It will unfold more clearly as this course of study proceeds.

The subject of the second lecture is ''The Children We Lead.''

—*B. K. Riddell.*

This course when completed may be secured for a small charge from the W.M.S. Publications Office, 372 Bay St., Toronto. Watch for further announcement.

WESTERN RELIEF

YOUR two splendid bales arrived this week and brought gladness to our hearts and work for our hands. You see we were in the position of having dozens and dozens of ''customers'' and no stock from which to supply their needs. We had had a few parcels, just enough to put some samples on the shelves, but nothing like enough to make even a little impression on the waiting lists. Then yours came and closely following, five others, nothing like so large but filled with such splendid articles. I cannot begin to name all the things, suffice it to say, there was immediate use for everything, and our load began to lift. To-day we packed all day and are off to a good start. Thanks and thanks again.
—*Helen W. Horne.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—Banff W.M.S. Thank-offering was very well attended. A written invitation, accompanied by a Thank-offering envelope, had been sent to the ladies of the congregation and the response was most gratifying. The programme, given in the study book, was used, and the meeting was fortunate to have present Mrs. Allott, Provincial President. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. Lennox, wife of the minister, Mrs. Allott making the presentation.

Bassano Mission Band was organized in September, 1932, with a membership of 15 girls from 10 to 14 years. They meet every Tuesday, one meeting being for work and the next for study, a social half-hour after the study meeting. At Christmas time the girls made toys and scrap-books for needy children as well as giving a donation towards dinners for 8 families. In February, they held a candy sale and tea. This netted them $31, $20 of which was given to the W.M.S. During the summer the girls made five complete layettes for a hospital.

Calgary Presbyterial Executive reports an unusually good attendance, with very optimistic reports from several departments. At the close of the devotional period, two special prayers were offered on behalf of India. Miss Scott, our new deaconess, told of her visits to the hospitals and of several needy cases. Each lady donated a jar of jam to be used by Miss Scott in her work. Mrs. Allott gave her annual address. It bristled with praise for the work being done by the women in this part of the Master's vineyard and emphasized the great need of prayer, saying ''work and prayer must go together.''

Edmonton P.S. Press Secretary writes: ''Our missionary meetings are just wonderful, perhaps not in numbers but in spiritual uplift and devotion to the cause of missions.'' Members are urged not only to subscribe to the *Glad Tidings* but to give it to friends as a gift. The sale of Christian calendars is also kept before the members as a help to Mission Band finances, and an every day reminder of the gospel to those who possess them. The suggestion that at the annual bazaar the Literature Secretary be given space for her table of excellent literature was carried out, in that way the women were given an opportunity of selecting books for Christmas gifts. A letter from Dr. Margaret Strang Savage stated that the needs of the people in her district were never so great as at present. The Lantern Slide Secretary was asked to advertise and otherwise to bring the advantage of seeing as well as hearing of our work before the various organizations .

Red Deer P.S.—A very successful Young People's rally was held at Innisfail, Dr. Kannawin speaking to an appreciative gathering. Representatives were present from Carstairs, Olds, Red Deer, Willowdale and Sylvan Lake, Willowdale winning applause for the best attendance, 20 from that district being present.

Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess at large, addressed the Innisfail W.M.S. Thank-offering, the Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. Group. She was also guest speaker at Olds W.M.S. Thank-offering and gave a message to the Mission Band. Miss Matthews has visited Ewing, Rocky Mountain House and Sylvan Lake, organized Mission Bands at two points and brought encouragement to the Auxiliaries.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THANK-OFFERING meetings seemed to be the rule in November. Special programmes were arranged. Some enjoyed the lantern slides on our overseas work, others had missionary talks and discussions, a number of places had special speakers. At one evening meeting a paper on our work in India and an exhibition of Indian work and curios proved very interesting.

Books, magazines and games have been sent to the Government

Camps; bales of clothing and food to the School Residences and Hospitals, and local cases have been helped by members of our W.M.S., Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations and Missions Bands.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

MANITOBA Provincial Society held their semi-annual Board meeting in November. The reports were very encouraging.

A very pleasing item of the afternoon was the presentation of a gold wrist watch to Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, of ''All People's Mission.'' Mrs. Hutchison, who made the presentation, referred to the forty years' service Mrs. Mackenzie had given to the Presbyterian Church, first in Nova Scotia, then at Hurricane Hills, Sask., and latterly at ''All People's Mission.'' Her life and that of her late husband had been spent in the work of our Church and now, on retiring, the women of Manitoba desired to honor her, and the wish was expressed that she would enjoy a well-earned rest in the eventide of her life. Miss Innes, her sister, who had been associated with her for years, received a crystal necklace. A number of the members paid tribute to the honored guests who replied feelingly.

Mrs. Hutchison conducted a short memorial service for Mrs. H. Sellers, a very devoted worker in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, who had passed away very suddenly.

The Manitoba Provincial feels deeply grieved over the loss, through death, of Miss Soutar, our missionary nurse in India, and we sympathize with the mother in the loss of a worthy daughter.

The Late Mrs. Herbert Sellers

The Women's Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, mourn deeply the loss of Mrs. Sellers, a much loved fellow worker and officer, who passed away on November 12th after a brief illness. Her death has left a sad vacancy in her Auxiliary. Rarely do such beautiful memories cling round a life. Mrs. Sellers did not live long as the world measures time, but she lived very graciously and fully as God counts days. She never spared herself and her gladdest and most grateful service was in the payment of her debt to the Master Whom she loved and the Saviour Whom she trusted. She is now ''in a house not made with hands,'' eternal in the Heavens, and the task of those who remain is to carry on the work that was so dear to her heart and the work of her beloved Church in the way she would have done if her work here had not been finished. To her husband and family in their great loss deepest sympathy is extended.

Winnipeg P.S.—Calvin W.M.S., Weston, held a very successful Thank-offering. The Girl Guides and Mission Bands were present. Mrs. Peter Kee gave the address and a special message to the Bands. Mrs.

Hutchison and Mrs. Scott also spoke. The offering was $20.00. The Bands assisted with the programme.

Norwood W.M.S. had the best Thank-offering in their history. Mrs. Martin gave an address on our mission fields. Mrs. McWilliams spoke on "Consecration." Mrs. Morrison and the Mission Band provided the music.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 53 ISLEWORTH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

AS we enter the new year with its possibilities and privileges, with its problems and perplexities, may we so utilize the first and overcome the second, that as we again approach this season it will be with the consciousness of having wrought well, and the new year will be a vision of hope.

We would remind our membership that we had agreed to observe the Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer, the programme of which is in the December *Glad Tidings,* on the regular date, the first Friday after the first Sunday in the new year, which is January 12th. Great blessings have followed former services. God's arm is not shortened this year.

Auxiliary key women and contributors to the Special Campaign Fund please take notice that the first quarterly remittance of the second year came due the end of December. Auxiliaries are urged to send their remittances promptly.

A well-attended sectional meeting of Brockville P.S. comprising the Auxiliaries of Cardinal, Pittston, Spencerville and Dixon's Corners was held in Ventnor, Miss Lockerbie presiding. Mrs. Bell gave an excellent talk on "Getting and Retaining Members." A rally of Y.W.A. workers, C.G.I.T. and Mission Bands was held in Spencerville, each organization taking part in the programme. Short addresses were given by Mrs. Jas. Riddell, Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. T. Davidson, Mrs. E. Munro, Rev. R. C. Archer and Rev. Mr. Cathcart. The Mission Band banner, presented by Miss Percival, and won by the Morewood Band, was on display. The Thank-offering meeting of Cardinal was addressed by Rev. R. C. Archer on, "Has Missions a Case?" giving inspiration and helpful suggestions. The Mission Band presented a Junior Certificate to Douglas Browning, and a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. C. V. Nesbitt. The Girls' "Sunshine Group" presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. G. Campbell and the Auxiliary presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Jas. Hodge.

Mrs. Mason McLennan, former Provincial Press Secretary, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of St. John's Auxiliary, Cornwall, giving a splendid talk on the different phases of the W.M.S. work, stressing the many things for which members should be thankful. Mrs. Bain MacMillan presided.

The second sectional meeting of Guelph P.S. was held in Kitchener with Mrs. Eakins, Hespeler, presiding. There were two sessions, the evening being devoted to Y.W.A. and Girls' Organizations. Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, was the special speaker at both sessions. Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Mrs. W. P. Sutton and Miss M. Geddes spoke briefly. A third sectional was at Alma, Mrs. A. Gilmour presiding and speaking on the aim and benefits of sectional meetings. Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, gave the address of the day, bringing an inspiring and helpful message.

Mrs. Davidson, Presbyterial President, addressed Thank-offering meetings at Fergus and Elora.

Enthusiastic meetings have been held recently in Barrie P.S., Mrs. K. N. Cooper and Mrs. C. W. Maitland addressing the November meeting at ''West Church,'' Nottawasaga. The Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary and Y.W.A. of Midland enjoyed the illustrated address on ''Our Work in the Bhil and Gwalior Fields'', given by Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Toronto. At Collingwood, a playette depicting the relation between the white and colored races was presented by the C.G.I.T. girls at the Thank-offering meeting of the senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries. Miss I. McConnell, of India, wearing native costume, was the speaker. As Miss McConnell is Superintendent of the Jobat Hospital, where Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, a member of Collingwood Church, who went to India last year is nurse, we realize what a joyful event Miss McConnell's visit would be to our workers in Collingwood. Penetanguishene Auxiliary and Wyebridge held a joint Thank-offering meeting with Mrs. N. D. Sinclair, Allandale, giving the address on, ''Our Work at Home and Overseas.'' Mrs. Heslip read a message from Mrs. J. Goforth, Manchuria. Miss McGuire spoke on ''Finances of Presbyterial.'' Mrs. Cameron, Allandale, gave a short talk to old and young alike.

Ottawa Presbyterial has had an encouraging year. Sectional meetings were held in five centres, Auxiliaries not reached by these were visited. ''Extra members'' campaign was most fruitful. In memory of the late Mrs. George Bryson, Fort Coulonge, her daughter, Mrs. Owen Toller, has presented a fifty dollar gift to the Society. Special attention is being given young people's work. A rally was held recently in Cushman Memorial Church, Hull, with Miss Mary Hill as speaker.

St. Paul's, Peterborough, reports a splendid address by Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto, on ''For Me to Live is Christ'', at their Thank-offering meeting. A generous offering was received.

From Orangeville P.S. comes news of many doings. The ''Goforth'' Y.W.A. and Mission Band of Claude held a joint Thank-offering meeting addressed by Mrs. Coulter, Brampton. This Y.W.A. made $20 on an autograph quilt which, when finished, was sent to Dr. Margaret Strang Savage. Miss I McConnell gave an interesting word picture of her work in India, to the senior Auxiliary of Claude at their Thank-offering meeting. Miss Lamont visited nearly all Auxiliaries in this Presbyterial, and reports increased interest in all departments. At a joint meeting of the ''Margaret Strang'' and senior Auxiliary of Dundalk, an interesting programme was provided. Refreshments were served by the Y.W.A. The Mission Band of Ventry has also made a nice autograph quilt. The ''Sunshine'' Mission Band of Dundalk had a party not long ago, with games, contests and a peanut hunt, climaxed with a picnic lunch.

A memorial service in memory of Miss Mildred Soutar, R.N., who died at Jobat, Central India, was held on Sunday, November 26th, in Erskine Church, Hamilton, of which she was a loved member.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—A most successful rally of teen-age girls and their Sunday School teachers was held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, October 27th. About 143 girls and 26 teachers were present, 16 churches being represented. The programme was in charge of the girls, with the exception of a short speech given by Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary. The meeting opened with games and a sing song, followed by the roll call. An interesting missionary play, ''In the Zenana'', was given by the girls of First Presbyterian Church; the 46th Montreal Company of Girl Guides demonstrated their work; and a typical C.G.I.T. business meeting was presented. The closing worship service was in charge of a senior C.G.I.T. Group. Missionary literature was on exhibition and attracted a good deal of attention. The singing of Taps brought the evening to a close.

Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N., Superintendent of Jobat Hospital, Central India, addressed a largely attended meeting representing W.M.S. groups of Montreal and district in Knox-Crescent Church on November 7th. She spoke of the success of missionary effort carried on among the Bhils, an aboriginal, pre-Aryan race, and gave a graphic description of the conditions under which the hospital is operated. Evangelistic work is carried on at the same time and people are often reached through the sympathy and care they receive at the hospital. The mission has a dispensary at every station, and opportunity is made for evangelistic talks with the people who come there. The Bhils are more responsive to the Gospel message than the Hindus or the Moslems, and are a dependable, honest race whom it is easy to love. When a patient comes for admission she is usually accompanied by her whole family, with their cooking utensils, bedding and perhaps the family goat. There are often enough of the patients' relatives at the hospital to form an audience for the missionaries. The Bhils are poor, living mostly in bamboo and mud huts, and often obliged to pay half their grain crop to the owner of the fields. The average pay for the ordinary laborer is ten cents, and for a woman six cents a day. Nevertheless, most of the Bhil Christians give a tenth of their earnings, and at Jobat have built their own Church.

Miss C. E. Cameron presided.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbyterial was held November 14th in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal. Twelve city Auxiliaries and 4 Y.W. Auxiliaries were represented. The Treasurer reported $8,525 forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer. Secretarial reports told of much activity in all departments. Seven new groups had been organized and a Leaders' Fellowship.* Home Helpers reported a largely attended meeting in Maisonneuve, with increased membership and givings throughout the department.

Twelve outfits for Birtle Residential School pupils, 2 bales to the Manitoba Indian Reserve, supplies to Vegreville Hospital and Huntingdon Residence have been sent out. Girls' groups and Mission Bands have sent in 7 parcels valued at $51.55. One hundred and one gifts were provided for the Chinese Christmas tree. Mission Band prospects are bright. Library Secretaries have been appointed in 17 Auxiliaries. Through their efforts much valuable literature is collected and distributed to needy centres. Eleven Honorary, 3 In Memoriam, 12 Life, 2 Junior Certificates and one star were issued.

In reporting for the Special Campaign Fund, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty placed the allocation for the Montreal Presbyterial at $1,081.56 per year, for a period of two years, of this amount $827.89 has been received to date.

Rev. W. McLean, Outremont, delivered an address on, ''Memory and Mission''. Mrs. A. W. Pae presided.

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* See page 26.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

THE women of the Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan and particularly the members of the W.M.S. were delighted to have the opportunity of hearing Miss Alma Burdick, of Tamsui, tell of the work our Society is doing in Formosa. Miss Burdick visited a number of places in the province the last week of October and the first two weeks in November. It was a matter of regret that it was not possible for her to visit every Auxiliary, her itinerary included points along the main line from Swift Current to Moosomin, and north as far as Prince Albert.

Saskatoon P.S.—Mrs. Grant, Presbyterial President, presided at the semi-annual meeting which was held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. The reports were very encouraging. With one exception reports were received from all Secretaries.

The members of North Battleford W.M.S. were guests recently of the Wilkie Auxiliary. Mrs. Leggatt, President of the North Battleford W.M.S., also Mrs. Kerr, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, gave short addresses. Two papers on the life work of two missionaries, prepared by Mission Band members, were read. Rev. D. K. Perrie, North Battleford, brought greetings from his Church to which Rev. Mr. Cameron and Mrs. Tregraskis replied. At the close of the meeting supper was served when greetings and ideas were exchanged.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., North Battleford, Mrs. Jones, wife of the Captain of the Salvation Army, gave the address.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Wilkie, have an affiliated group of teen-age girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Howie and Mrs. Schaab and they meet twice each month. A monthly offering is given for the W.M.S.

Miss Steenson, Parkview, Saskatoon, gave an interesting paper on the ''Women of the New Testament,'' at their meeting.

Note.—The name and address of our Provincial Home Helpers Secretary appears under ''Corrections for Annual Report.''

The Late Mrs. Wm. Ogilvie

On November 1st there passed away at Briercrest, Mary Brodie, widow of the late Wm. Ogilvie, in her 75th year. Mrs. Ogilvie was a charter member of the W.M.S. of Georgetown, Que., joining that Society in 1882. She served as President from 1896-98 holding office at different times since. She was also a Life Member of the W.M.S. In 1916, she and her husband moved to Briercrest district, Sask. Here she became a devoted worker and officer in the Auxiliary and an officer of Moose Jaw Presbyterial. Last year she completed fifty years of active work in the W.M.S.

New Year Resolutions

I WILL start again this New Year with a higher, fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;
I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine —
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.

—*The Missionary Chronicle, Melbourne, Australia.*

Treasurer's Statement

November 30th, 1933

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "Chinese work in Toronto"	$ 20.00
Special Gift	25.00
Gift through Knox Church Auxiliary, Toronto, for Emergency Pension Fund	500.00
Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario"..	5.00
Church Treasurer, "Western Relief"	25.46
Government Grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	4,821.45
Payment on McCrea house, Vegreville, Alta.	56.85
Pensions	72.47
Legacy from the Estate of the late Mrs. McGillivray, Hamilton, for Miss Soutar's work, India	500.00
Interest	572.50
Provincial Givings:	
British Columbia	720.00
Manitoba	175.00
Ontario	12,000.00
Quebec	2,000.00
Saskatchewan	350.00
	$21,843.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 250.00
Canora	1,094.65
Vegreville	276.00
Chinese in Canada	741.82
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	593.66
Birtle Indian Residential School	606.67
Mistawasis Indian Day School	60.00
Government Grant "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	4,821.45
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	139.16
Prince Albert	89.16
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	89.16
Vegreville	280.83
Welcome and Welfare....	1,197.03
Publications	613.68
Organization	407.71
Library	24.04
Lantern Slides	18.91
Pensions	91.66
Supplies	24.50
Student	10.11
Formosa	567.44
Second and third Instalments on the Happy Mount Chapel, Formosa	2,000.00
India, Bhil Field	123.99
Jhansi Field	30.00
Japan	1,579.40
Education of Chinese Candidate	10.00
Church Extension	500.00
Exchange	7.13
Administration	475.02
	$16,789.84

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan,

Treasurer.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Edmonton P.S.—''Allan Reoch'' M.B., Wanham; ''Willing Hearted Workers'' M.B., Heart Valley; ''Saviour's Lambs'' M.B., Prestville.

Ontario

Barrie P.S.—''Good Companions'' Girls' Auxiliary, Orillia; Presbyterian Girls' Guild, Cookstown.

Chatham P.S.—Leamington Y.W.A.

Kingston P.S.—''Gallahad'', ''Ophelia'', ''Intermediate'', C.G.I.T. Groups, Belleville; St. Peter's C.G.I.T., Madoc.

North Bay P.S.—Berriedale M.B.

Orangeville P.S.—Corbetton M.B.; Dundalk Beginners Band.

Peterborough P.S.—Centreville M.B.; ''Willing Workers'' M.B., Havelock.

Toronto P.S.—''Agnes Johnson'' Y.W.A., Riverdale Ch., Toronto.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Kensington Y.W.A.; Valleyfield Y.W.A.; MacVicar Memorial Junior Auxiliary.

CORRECTIONS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Saskatchewan

Prov. Officers, page 208, add—Home Helper Sec., Mrs. W. R. Gray, Box 190, Govan.

W.M.S. PUBLICATIONS

SEVEN SEAS OF SERVICE, Auxiliary Study Book has been reduced to clear this year to 25c. per copy, so that each member may secure one for reference purposes. This covers so much of our work we would like each member to have a copy.

DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAMMES, 1c. each, order early. See Books Old and New, page 23.

Parcels of Literature for Presbyterial Meetings, should be ordered early. Many attractive books are available, for programme helps.

FLOWERS IN FAR FIELDS, the Mission Band Study Book, 35c. including prayer cards and contest rules. Additional prayer cards are free.

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Prayer

''When you pray, speak not much.''
''Not much''—if not at all,
Will He then come
To hearts that cannot call,
Lips that are dumb?

Aye, for our silent cries
And hearts of fear,
Shall pierce the roofing skies
And draw Him near.

Editorial

The World Day of Prayer

A WORLD at Prayer! What an inspiring thought! And not for just one brief hour will the voices of women and girls ascend to the Father, but for forty hours, beginning at sunrise in New Zealand on Friday, February 16th, their prayers will arise to the throne of God.

It is impossible for anyone to record what the Day of Prayer has meant and is going to mean to the world. From a small beginning it has grown in a few short years into a great observance, until to-day, Canada, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, South America, the near and far East, Great Britain and Europe join in the great world fellowship of prayer for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord to the whole world.

In our zeal for this observance let us guard against any tendency to limit ourselves to a set day of united prayer. Rather let this Day be the expression of the habit of our lives. If it is, it will prove a real factor in ushering in a new day of spiritual power in the Church and eventually have an influence on the great movement for universal peace.

As we recall the inspiration felt in our own community on the 1933 Day of Prayer, and as we read the stories of how it was observed in other places ''making a girdle of prayer all around this needy world'' our hearts are hushed at the wonder of it. The many expressions of the real sense of fellowship with other praying women related to us seem to crown the observance of other years.

''From Germany comes this, 'All the women were thankful for the hour of worship and the world-wide sisterhood in spirit'; and in the

Kentucky mountains women who rose early and walked miles over rough roads to the meeting 'felt joined in heart to thousands of women praying, though shut in by our hills.' In Melbourne, in farthest Australia, there was a real sense of sharing with the womanhood of the world in this service of intercession.

The many meetings for children and girls, and the part taken by older girls in the women's services are surely answers from the Lord. Have we not prayed during these last years with especial earnestness for our young people? New Zealand, where is forged the first shining link in the prayer chain, sends word of a young people's hour and asks that a programme for such an hour be added to the general programme for the Day of Prayer. In Yihsien, China, the High School girls attended in a body, glad to have part in the women's programme. In Siangtun, China, one hundred and seventy children came to the meeting, many from non-Christian homes. In Cape Town, South Africa, a young women's service held the previous evening formed a beautiful beginning to the keeping of the Day. It seemed appropriate that 'Youth' should lead. In Kermansha, Persia, whither many families have fled from persecution by the Turks, over a hundred Assyrian and Moslem children attended the noon meeting. Canada has a special programme prepared for young women and girls. This is widely used in Canada, and also, by permission, in the United States. 'An amazing number of girls' organizations observe this Day.'

The number of federations and union committees now in charge of the observance of the Day of Prayer is an answer to many prayers for guidance in method. In Edinburgh, Scotland, an interdenominational committee, newly formed, had pleasant fellowship over the adaptation of the programme to Scottish requirements. In many places it is necessary to translate the programme in several different languages, and the time and skill involved in this labor by committees and missionaries may easily be imagined. It is inspiring to think of 'prayers in five languages,' 'the doxology and hymns in four,' and of four languages used consecutively, all during one service. In Sofia, Bulgaria, there were added to the programme Christ's words 'Come unto Me, all ye that are heavy laden' in fourteen different European languages. Truly 'A great multitude of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues stood before the throne' on March 3rd, 1933.

The theme of the 1934 programme is Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. What greater petition could we make in these disturbed days? Shall we not all begin now to pray for God's peace in our own hearts that when we come together for the Greater Asking it will be with reverent preparation and faith in Him Who 'is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think'."

Two Missionary Conferences

TWO notable conferences were held in January which deserve more than a passing reference, because of our long association with them —The Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, and The Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The former convened in New York, the latter in Garden City, Long Island, N.Y. Both were, in certain respects, historic gatherings and our W.M.S. was represented by the President, Miss MacMurchy.

The meeting of the Woman's Boards preceded the Foreign Missions Conference. One hundred women were present, representing 32 Boards. This meeting was of great interest because it was the last to be held of the Woman's Federation, which was being integrated with the Conference of Foreign Missions of North America.

This puts the whole woman's organization, which had formerly met separately, into the Conference. Miss Tyler is associated with Dr. Moss in the Secretariat of the Conference.

The following are a few of the important clauses in connection with the integration.

Organization:

One unified organization with a sufficient number of secretaries, men and women, to care for its work. The allocation of work and membership of committees to be primarily on the basis of capability and fitness, without discrimination between men and women, due consideration to be given, however, to adequate representation of Boards.

One budget, raised chiefly from Boards in one allotment per Board, and spent as alloted to the work of the unified organization. It is essential that all the funds now paid by Boards, agencies or individuals into the budget of either organization be made available, at least for the first years, of the united budget.

Provision for co-operation with other organizations concerned in the promotion of the World Day of Prayer and other matters of joint interest in connection with women's work.

Committee on Women's Work:

This Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, consisting of representatives of the co-operating Boards and such ex-officio members as shall be deemed advisable. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members not to exceed five in number.

The first appointment of this Committee shall be made by the Federation on the basis of nominations made by its member Boards. Thereafter it shall be appointed in the same manner as the other subcommittees of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

When first appointed it shall choose its own chairman, and thereafter its chairman shall be named in the same manner as the chairmen of other sub-committees.

Its Duties Shall Be:

To plan co-operation with independent women's organizations whose work is related to the cause of Foreign Missions.

To provide for the interchange of suggestions for the prosecution of what is known as ''women's work.''

To provide for continued cultivation in the field of Christian Literature, and to serve Union Christian Colleges, which have been of special interest to the women of America.

To provide for the continued promotion of mission study as opportunity offers, especially among women's organizations.

The only missionary address given at the Women's meeting was by Miss Sarah S. Lyon, Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in China and Japan. It was entitled ''The Last Word From the Field.'' One rather startling statement was made, namely, ''That the Christian women of Japan were in accord with the military administration and policy of Japan in Manchu Ku.''

The Foreign Missions Conference provided a varied and inspiring programme. The messages from the Fields were given by Rev. Emory Ross (Africa), Rev. L. S. Albright (Japan), Miss Lillian L. Picken (India), Dr. Herman C. C. Liu (China). Special periods of devotion were conducted by Rev. Richard Roberts, D.D., of Sherbourne Street United Church, Toronto, and were inspiring guides to the followers of Christ.

Three notable and moving addresses were given by, Rev. E. Stanley Jones, D.D., missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, in India; Rev. Edmund B. Chaffee, J.D., Director of Labor Temple (Presbyterian), New York City, and Rev. Cleland M. B. McAffee, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Dr. McAfee spoke on Co-operation in Missionary Board Administration as it applies to a number of countries. The principles to be regarded in further movement of co-operation were in brief: ''(1) *The Principle of Clarity*—or having in mind what we want to do. (2) *Discrimination*—we differ so much in what we think we cannot give up. We cannot leave out the essentials. (3) *Contribution*—we hold all our faith, especially its distinctive elements, for the sake of others and not in opposition to them. We cannot maintain the spirit of suspicion or of criticism without lessening our contribution and weakening the appeal of our distinctive faith. We cannot co-operate and dictate at the same time. (4) *Selection.* No one can face the present world condition of missions and feel that we are at the end of co-operative possibilities. Our first duty, therefore, is to make the schemes already arranged operative. If our present schemes are not needed, they ought to be scrapped. If they are ineffective they ought to be modified. There needs to be a larger co-operation in the matter of Christian Literature for the national churches. The supply of constructive material is pitifully inadequate in many fields and the task of supplying it is hopelessly beyond any one agency.

Unless our co-operative projects leave us in fuller co-operation with Him, they are sheer waste and mistake! If they put us and our co-workers fully at His service then we are justified in all their demands''.

The address by Rev. Edmund B. Chaffee on ''Conditions in North America that Affect Foreign Missions,'' was marvellous in its fearlessness and brave statements.

Dr. Chas. R. Watson, of Cairo asked, ''Do new world conditions challenge changes in missionary method and policy?'' His answer was: ''Ignore entire presentation if faulty, only let new life and power and creative thought emerge somehow.''

Leslie B. Moss, in a statement to the Church of North America, said: ''The East is challenging us of the West to show them a Christianity not dominated by our economic, social or industrial obsessions.

''Many things need consideration and improvement in our missionary programme. One is the totally inadequate place given to Christian Literature. Other groups are using literature to far better purpose than the Christian forces which must, before long, give genuinely united attention to this need.''

Everybody talked about the young people.

One outstanding condition about the Foreign Mission situation as presented in the meetings was that every one is seriously concerned about the fate of missions in the world. The statement was made that, in 1929 the downward trend began in the interest and support of missions in the United States.

A missionary to the Congo said: ''Let us remember that Christ as a child was taken by his mother to Africa and won't you take Christ back to Africa again?''

Industrialism in Africa

THREE notable missionary leaders have visited Toronto in recent months—Mr. William Paton, whose message we referred to in the December *Glad Tidings;* Dr. John R. Mott, and Dr. Merle Davis.

Dr. Davis is Director of the Department of Social and Industrial Research and Counsel of the International Missionary Council. His headquarters are at Geneva where he maintains close contact with a score of departments of the League of Nations. He has recently completed an intensive survey of industrial conditions in South Africa, and it was of some of the industrial problems which face the Christian missionary movement in Asia and Africa that he spoke.

Geneva was chosen as headquarters because of the facilities of getting into touch with people of different countries. The Department is small, consisting of two Directors and two assistants. The League of Nations has been more than kind in friendliness and co-operation on questions of opium, freed labor, mandates and health.

The work is divided into two parts—(1) the Information Service, with its *Quarterly Bulletin* containing the principal social and economic happenings, also memoranda covering the work of the League as it touches Christian Missions, especially mandates, opium, and narcotics commission, and information on a particular aspect of the missionary programme. (2) The Research Department whose work is to throw light on forces which challenge the power and validity of Christ.

Dr. Davis' first work was to study the industrial conditions in the great copper belt which stretches across Rhodesia and far into the Belgian territory in Africa, and also to find the dimensions of the problem, the obstacles, and what co-operation he could expect. The problem was far from simple, and, in its solution, Dr. Davis had the assistance of a great economist, a great sociologist, a Colonial administrator and specialists in the education, social welfare and recreation for the Africans.

Out of this process of analysis they brought a group of findings to present to the Mission Boards. It is a simple study of the situation all African groups are in to-day, and because it is a universal problem it has a wide value.

Among the problems they met was the change in the African himself. He is being speeded along at such a rate that the government and mission policies find it hard to keep up with him. The study attempted to compass three things: To try and understand: (1) the integration process; (2) the disintegration process; (3) the re-integration process. The first is the hardest and would take years. The second is easier because in it the government, industries, and missions have a part.

In the economic sphere the Commission found that Missions have a place in raising the African to the Christian standard or from old customs to modern ways.

In recent years the African has been faced with the problem of balancing what he spends with what he gets. In order to do so, he has had to leave rural areas and seek work for himself and his family in the great copper mines. Here he receives what is to him a large sum of money, and realizes his worth as a worker.

The forces in Africa in conflict and co-operation are the Government vs. Industries. On the one hand the Government is trying to stabilize the people, to re-establish old customs and keep the people on the land. Industries are trying to draw the people from the land. Missions stand in the centre. They hold the balance because they have been granted the educational and spiritual guidance of these people and, therefore, have opportunity and power.

The Commission feels that the great economic movement should not be looked upon askance. The copper mines with 200,000 workers forms a university of life and the mission should look on this movement not as an enemy but as an ally and an asset.

The spiritual problem the mines create for Missions is that they are turning out men who feel that they have a capacity for work and leadership equal to the white man and they are not going back to fill their old places in the Mission. This constitutes a demand that the Mission provide a richer social sphere.

The educational problem is very great. The vital question is, what kind of young people are missions trying to train, mechanics, servants of Europeans or farmers, and when they have trained these Christian young people, with white public opinion against them, where will they find an outlet for their ambitions?

The special task of the Church must remain the central task. The outer world of Africa will be shared by government and capitalists, but the task of revealing a world of spiritual order is and must continue to be the task of the Church. Missions can do great service by building a moral and spiritual order that is progressive and has a future. To this task alone the Mission should apply itself.

In the training of new missionaries the call is for people who have insight into the old order and have patience and wisdom in building the new order, and that is something to challenge the youth of to-day.

Special Gifts and Legacies

THE Treasurer's Statement which appears each month in the magazine receives varied treatment. Some people treat it with cold disdain; they do not even read it. Others turn to it first thing, to them every item is a vivid story. The whole work of the Society is reflected in that page. The Provincial givings they call the W.M.S. thermometer and if they have any doubt about the health of the Society they look at the returns from the Western Provinces and their lack of faith is put to shame by the evidences of strength and generosity on the part of those who have known hardship and want. We are sure many a prayer of gratitude goes up for all the Special Gifts that are so suggestive of wide interest and, above all, for those who in life made provision in their will for the better equipment and extension of established work by the erection of necessary buildings. To this purpose all legacy money is applied.

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Provincial Secretary who is responsible for the material which appears in her page. Never send them direct to your Editor.

MISS ADA ADAMS, our Kindergarten Supervisor in Formosa, who is studying in New York, attended one of the sessions of the Foreign Missions Conference and found it most helpful.

MISS JEAN C. MacLEAN, of Kobe, Japan, whose furlough was due in April, has returned to Canada earlier on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. MacLean, of Almonte, Ontario.

REV. David and Mrs. Marshall, Church missionaries, sailed on August 29th, for Britain en route to British Guiana where they will engage in mission work. Word has been received of their arrival in British Guiana and that they are busy at work.

DEEP sympathy is extended Mrs. Fisher in the death of her husband, Rev. R. Gibson Fisher, of Suddie, Essequibo, British Guiana. Mrs. Fisher's letters have done much to enrich our pages and we shall miss her messages when she returns to England.

Short History of the World Day of Prayer

This was written by Florence E. Quinlan, when she was Secretary of the Joint Committee on World Day of Prayer.

ANNUALLY, on the first Friday in Lent—the World Day of Prayer—the globe is circled with intercessory prayer by Christian women. As a united interdenominational Day for both Home and Foreign Missions, the first observance was in 1920, but the beginning was really long before then. As far back as 1887 at the suggestion of Mrs. Darwin R. James a denominational ''annual day of prayer for woman's work for Home Missions'' was held by Presbyterian women in the United States. It has been impossible to ascertain whether other denominations antedate this, or whether denominational observance of a Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions precedes it.

We are told that, ''back in the 1890's in connection with the old Triennial Conference of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions,'' interdenominational observance of a Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions began, suggested by Mrs. Henry W. Peabody and Mrs. William A. Montgomery, and we have authoritative information that the first interdenominational Day of Prayer for Home Missions was observed in 1897, the last Thursday in February being ''a day of humiliation and prayer.'' Later, interdenominational observance for foreign missions occurred annually on Friday in the January Week of Prayer and observance for home missions in connection with Home Mission Week in November. Finally, in 1920, the two were united, the first Friday in Lent having been selected for the Day of Prayer for Missions.

That same year, on January 9th, Canadian women for the first time observed the Dominion-wide Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer. The Presbyterian women had for many years set apart for prayer a day, preferably Friday, in the Universal Week of Prayer which was observed the first week in January. Five denominations united in the observance—Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian—the programme being prepared by the Interim Committee of the Women's Mission Boards of Canada, as it was then known. Two years later—1922—the Dominion united with the States in observing the same day.

A desire to be included in the circle of prayer having been expressed by Christians living in other lands, the observance became world-wide in 1927. Who can measure the inspiration it is to realize that on the same day meetings are held in China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa, Europe, Mexico, S. America, the islands of the sea, Great Britain, Canada and the United States? Who can estimate the results of this united adoration, thanksgiving, intercession, hour by hour following the sun for a whole day?

NOTE.—It may be of interest to know that:

''It was eighty-eight years ago that the Week of Prayer was first observed. It was a time when there was much to disquiet the nations of Europe. They were nearing a time of storm and tumult. Within every land those who shared the Christian faith had many anxieties and fears. Then it entered into the minds of some of them to call upon all who shared the same faith to begin the New Year together in a concert of united prayer, and for these eighty-eight years now the call has been repeated, each new year reaching out further into new regions and new tongues, until to-day, like a mighty river, the stream of united Prayer flows through innumerable channels for the deliverance and renewal of our struggling humanity.

''In 1846, when the Week of Prayer commenced, Japan was closed; China was only known through its treaty-ports; Korea was the hermit-kingdom, sealed against the West. Livingstone already in Africa was still looking eagerly northward where the smoke of a thousand villages beckoned him; he had still to make those journeys which were to open the way into the centre of Africa, to bring death to the slave-trade, and to establish the Church of Christ in the heart of the Continent. To-day, not only in Japan and China and Korea, but in Uganda and Kenya, there are Churches sharing in this common approach to the Magnetic Centre. Chinese pastors in the midst of the confusion and sorrow of their nation, from January 7th to 13th have been calling their peoples to think and to pray with those of all other races, black and brown and yellow and white. Thousands of Koreans have met day by day in Prayer, and from many an African station the same petitions have arisen as those inspired by the universal topics. It is well named the *Universal* Week of Prayer.''—EDITOR.

The Spiritual Basis of Girl Guiding

Contributed by the Canadian Council, of the Girl Guides Association

TO those who are familiar with Girl Guiding, it seems strange to hear the statement made that the Movement lacks a spiritual basis. No statement could be more erroneous, as Guiding rests upon religion. Where could the teaching of Christ be seen more plainly than in the ten Guide Laws, and the threefold promise:— ''to do our best to do our duty towards God.'' This promise is made by every member of the sisterhood, from a Brownie recruit to the Chief Guide, consequently no one is exempt from religion.

When the founders of the organization made the doing of her duty to God the Guide's first promise, they definitely acknowledged that religion is the most important factor in character building, and that the whole Movement is based on faith in God. Lacking such a firm foundation, is it probable that one would have witnessed such phenomenal growth as has taken place in the organization? Within a period of twenty-three years, Girl Guiding has spread throughout the world, and is now firmly established in forty-two countries. It includes girls of all nationalities, all creeds and all types, all of whom are sisters by means of the Guide law which makes a Guide a sister and friend of every other Guide.

Possibly, the fact that the Girl Guide Movement is open to all creeds and denominations is one reason that uninformed people think it is without religion. On the contrary, it is a fact that a Guide will support her own creed more loyally in consequence of being a Guide. When the Chief Scout was launching the Scout Movement, some people advised him not to include the promise of duty to God, *i.e.*, not to give a religious foundation to Scouting. A religious leader, whom he consulted, said that, in his opinion, Scouting was likely to be a great force; also, that it would be an important element in the life of any boy who joined. If God were left out, this force would be a danger, not a good—a view with which the Chief agreed, so that the result was that what might have been only a great camping club became a form of true education for life.

The Second Promise of the Girl Guide Movement lays stress on service. It is summed up in the Commandment, ''Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself''—a Commandment which is taught not only in the Christian religion, but by all the great moral teachers of the world. The Third Promise is a reminder of the Guide Law, which, arranged under ten points, is the Guide code of honor, representing a blazing ideal, a living vital force, a rule of life which has the sanction of religion to make it possible. The three promises, and the Law combining religion, patriotism, service and self-control are the foundation of a Guide's life.

Although, as has been mentioned, the Girl Guide Movement itself is undenominational, it is a significant fact that more than half its strength in Canada is controlled by Churches of some denomination. To what degree Guiding and the Churches are linked together is a question that may be considered a pertinent one. The Guide Movement needs the great power of religion in order to carry out its work, the aim of every sincere Guider being to lead her Guides into closer touch with God and to endeavor by means of religion to make Guiding a real character-building force. To the Churches, Guiding gives the spirit of sisterhood and service.

Although the aim of the Girl Guide Movement is to provide Guide training for all Guides in a community of any race or creed, it also provides for the formation of Church Companies, or what are commonly called ''Controlled Companies''—*i.e.,* companies which have a definite Church affiliation. In this way, the Guide Movement is linked closely to the work of the Church and the Sunday School, for such companies are usually formed from the Sunday School group and become the regular mid-week channel for the service activities of the Sunday School group.

The religious policy of the Movement encourages the captain of a controlled company to arrange, after consultation with its religious authority, such denominational religious observances and instruction as they may consider best. In cases where Guides are members of a community or open company, every Guide is expected to attend the service of her own religious denomination.

The most impressive act of worship by a body of Guides is their religious observance known as the ''Guide's Own.'' This corporate act of worship is generally used at camp, or when for some particular reason the Guides as a group wish to have a special company service. The Girl Guide Movement has published several books of prayers and hymns suitable for use on such occasions. There are also special Guide prayer books which have been published by various denominations for use of their own Guides.

Provision is made through the kindred societies branch for the use of Girl Guide training by kindred Church societies who wish to include Guide companies as part of their own organization and training for girls. This branch deals with such affiliated groups. A Guide Company organized under kindred society works under the rules, badges, etc., of the Girl Guide Association, but it remains an integral part of its own administration. A kindred society is entitled to take its own line in the matter of religion, and to make its own by-laws on other matters, provided they agree with the general policy of the Movement.

The many national organizations are now joined together in the

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which was formed in Hungary in 1928. The World Bureau, located in London, is the secretariat of the Association. Dame Katharine Furse, who is the director of the bureau, also represents the International Scout and Guide organizations of the Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations. Mrs. H. D. Warren, our Canadian Chief Commissioner, was one of the first nine members of the World Committee, which is the executive body of the world association. The Lady Baden Powell is the Chief Guide of the world.

The Scout and Guide Movements are frequently called the Junior League of Nations by statesmen, educationalists, and churchmen, for through their universal spirit of comradeship and service, they are working toward international good will and a future of world happiness and peace.

Guiding offers to all girls, and through them to the girls of generations to come, a firm grasp on life. It points the way to constructive work in the girl's life, and becomes a vital force in the development of her character. To-day, there are 45,000 Canadian Guides, pledged to fear God, honor the King, and to put service to others before self. Their leaders hope that, as the women of Canada, Guides will meet their responsibilities and privileges of citizenship with a spirit that will be a great influence for good, in the life of our Dominion.

Guiding is a wide call to girls to come forward and do their bit to be fit in body, mind, and spirit, so that each can do something to—

''Lift to-day above the Past
To make to-morrow sure and fast
And nail God's colors to the mast.''

Beautiful Memories of Mildred Soutar

Extracts from Missionaries' Letters

''MILDRED has left us. It is a sad time for those of us who are left behind but for her we can only rejoice. Nothing that the doctors or nurses could have done was left undone. The missionaries gathered together and prayed. There was a fellowship and unity such as I have never felt before. God blessed us too, but He took Mildred and we feel it is His will.

On Saturday morning Dr. Draper noticed that Mildred's heart was failing, so we sent word to the others, and Miss Williamson, Mary Sherrick and the Youngs arrived that night. The next morning, about 6 a.m., there was another decided change and the doctor was called. At 6.40, she passed away while we were gathered around her bed. She went so quietly, and later there was such a look of peace and rest on her face that it was hard to believe that death had come. All the pain and worry had left her face. As she lay there smiling, we smiled a little too.

Almost the last words she said on Saturday were about 'going home' and the 'Resurrection morning.' Her face in death was a wonderful sight, she seemed so ethereal. As we looked at her, we felt that she was indeed 'home' and that for her, it was the Resurrection morning.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. Buchanan and was lovely. All the missionaries and all our Bhil people were there. Dr. Buchanan spoke so beautifully of Mildred's work and pointed out that she began her work in India at thirty and carried on like her Master for three years. His life must have seemed a failure but we know something of His triumph. At the close of the service she was laid to rest in our Jobat cemetery, down by the river under a mango tree—a truly beautiful spot.''

''Casting All Your Care Upon Him; For He Careth For You''

REV. ALLAN REOCH

THESE lines are written as a testimony of praise to God for His protecting care. Several times during the past year, we have been marvellously shielded from danger.

Last autumn we were travelling from Taonan to Szepingkai. The train was due to leave at 8.20. We reached the station in plenty of time—at 6.25 a.m., only to hear the discouraging news that bandits had torn up the railway track 30 miles south, that a Japanese armoured train had been wrecked and if our train did start at all, it would not be until late that afternoon.

We were, however, permitted to go on the train but it did not proceed until 2 p.m. The only remark made during the interval that I can remember was when a freight train went by, a Japanese soldier sitting opposite said in broken English, ''the train go walking.''

On arriving at the scene of the disaster, we had to wait another hour, finally passing the wreck on a hurriedly constructed line which left a margin of only two inches in one place between us and the débris.

Our railway line here is exceptionally well kept up, but in such a confusion anything is apt to happen. Just after passing the wreck, we met a train coming ''head on.'' Fortunately a collision was avoided. It backed down to the next station. Further on, while crawling slowly over newly repaired track which had been destroyed by bandits a short time before, the wind blew a Japanese soldier's cap out the window and the train stopped until it was picked up. We arrived at Szepingkai at 2 a.m., too late and too early to go to the Mission premises so we spent the rest of the night in a Chinese inn. It was impossible to sleep on account of the landlord's wife wrangling in such loud tones with one of the lodgers. Then some others came into our room (which was really a passage way) to get a tray of opium pipes which were concealed there.

We planned on returning to Taonan by Wednesday's train but were unable to do so. It was fortunate we did not take that train as the track was again undermined by bandits and the train was wrecked. We passed by the next day in perfect safety.

During November, I spent a week preaching at Kung Chu Ling, an outstation north of Szepingkai. On the return trip, I was travelling by electric train. From it one could see two burning villages two miles away, set on fire by the bandits. Just an hour or two later robbers attacked and set fire to a railway station we had just passed. Thus again the Lord had spread His protecting mantle over me.

On December 28th, I was due in Chiang Ch'iao, one of our outstations about 125 miles north of Taonan. In the meantime a telephone message reached me making it imperative to get off the train at Tailai, on my way there. Tailai has remained comparatively peaceful. On reaching the city gate, the thing that stood out most prominently was a wooden cage containing a bandit's head, nailed to a telephone pole. On either side of the gate were cages, each containing the head of a bandit. It was with surprise on reaching Chiang Ch'iao the next day, that I learned the place had been looted by bandits the day before—the day I had originally planned to arrive. Surely,

''God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform:''

Last Tuesday night, I went to Szepingkai to meet my wife who had been staying with Mrs. Goforth while I was spending two weeks preaching at Tailai. It was not certain on what train we should return as I was waiting for my half-fare railway certificate, to replace the one which had just been stolen. The new certificate arrived unexpectedly that very day and I felt strongly inclined to return by the night train. We were urged to remain for another day but the feeling to return on that night train was so strong we decided to go. How fortunate we did for, on Thursday night, bandits tore up the railway track and a freight train was derailed. The passenger train we might have come on crashed into the freight train and a large number were killed. The train was looted by bandits and some were killed by them.

Three weeks ago, I was robbed of around $100, just inside the Taonan Post Office door—robbed so quickly that I did not know it happened until a few minutes later. But what amazed me more than anything else was to hear that in the large centres in China the thieves are registered. Thus they would seem to be partially permitted.

However, in view of the above recorded experiences, you will agree with me that we have much to be thankful for. ''And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God—''

World Day of Prayer Programme

FEBRUARY 16, 1934

Theme: Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

This programme has been prepared by Mrs. J. W. L. Hoffmeyer, Cape Town, South Africa, and is being used in some form by Christian women throughout the world.

Hymn—"Peace, Perfect Peace." Tune: *Pax Tecum.*

Call to Worship

LEADER: "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4: 23-24).

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Him, ye shall ever truly find Him. Thus saith the Lord." (Adapted from Jeremiah 29: 13).

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14: 27).

Silent Prayer for One Minute

LEADER: "As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." (Romans 12: 18).

Prayer (in unison)

"O God, who art Peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us that the peacemakers are thy children, pour thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be sweet to us forever. Amen." (From the Mozarabic before 700 A.D.).

I. "PEACE IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST"

LEADER: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

CONGREGATION: "Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem."

LEADER: "Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together."

CONGREGATION: "Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord."

LEADER: "For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David."

CONGREGATION: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

LEADER: "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces."

CONGREGATION: "For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee."

LEADER: "Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good." (Psalm 122).

LEADER: "I beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, one Lord, one Faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in you all.'' (Eph. 4: 1-6).

LEADER: Let us pray—for the growing spirit of unity in the Christian Church; for the influence the Christian Church exerts in the world; for the place of women in the church to-day; for all Church leaders, and all departments of work.

SILENT PRAYER (one minute), then one voice will lead in prayer.

Prayer (in unison)

''O Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, give us grace seriously to consider the great dangers that lie in unhappy divisions. Take away from us all hatred and prejudice and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord. Unite us in love that so we may be worthy to glorify Thy Holy Name.

''O live in us this day, O clothe Thyself, Thy purpose, yet again in human clay; work through our feebleness Thy strength; work through our meanness Thy nobility; work through our helpless poverty of soul, Thy grace, Thy glory and Thy love.'' Amen.

Hymn—''Lord of Our Life.'' Tune: *Flemming.*

II. PEACE IN THE HEART AND HOME

LEADER: ''Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'' (John 14: 27).

''Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'' (Phil. 4: 8).

LEADER: Let us pray.

For the Christian home in every land throughout the world; that there may be co-operation, understanding and confidence between parents and children; and that the Christian home may be used to exemplify and radiate Christian principles.

SILENT PRAYER (one minute), then one voice will lead in prayer.

Prayer (in unison)

''O Son of God, who art the Prince of Peace, Peace is Thy chiefest gift to troubled hearts. We pray Thee that Thy peace may pervade each heart meekly bowed before Thee. Do Thou bring us back into a unity of love which may bear some likeness to Thy sublime nature. Give unto us a humble and quiet spirit, a loving and a friendly, a holy and a useful manner of life; bearing the burdens of our family members, denying ourselves and studying to benefit others and to please Thee in all things. Grant us to be faithful in performing promises, loving in all the relationships of life, careful of our charges, gentle and easy to be entreated, and may the law of kindness be in our tongues. Amen.''

Hymn—''Happy the Home When God is There.'' Tune: *Evan.*

III. PEACE WITHIN THE NATION

LEADER: ''Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say Peace be within thee.'' (Psalm 122: 6-9).

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace; that our garners may be full, affording all manner of store . . . and that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, that is in such a case; yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 144: 12-15).

Prayer (in unison)

"O Lord, the Author and Persuader of peace, of love and goodwill, so work in our hearts that we may be true disciples of Jesus Christ. Give us grace to show forth that heavenly life, wherein there is no disagreement nor hatred, but peace and love toward one another.

"Help us to realize that it shall profit us nothing if our nation gain numbers and riches and lose the sense of the living God and the joy of human brotherhood. Help us to make the welfare of all the supreme law of our land. Cast down the throne of mammon ever grinding the life of men and set up Thy throne, O Christ, for Thou didst die that men might live. Show Thy erring children at last the way to the city of love and fulfil the longings of the prophets of humanity. Amen."

Period of Intercession

LEADER: Let us pray—for all legislators that they may be men of understanding and that righteousness and justice may be the keynote of their legislation.

SILENT PRAYER for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Let us pray—for all branches in Social Service, for industrial conditions and for relief of unemployment.

SILENT PRAYER for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Let us pray—for temperance that its righteous cause may prevail.

SILENT PRAYER for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

Prayer (in unison)

"O God our Father, grant that through the reading of Thy Holy Word peace may come to our troubled spirits. As the hart pants after the water brooks so do our hearts long for Thee, O God.

"Wilt Thou graciously pour out Thy blessing upon our King, our Empire and our Country, and so teach us Thy ways that Thy kingdom may seem closer than breathing, nearer than hands or feet.

"With humility and deep contrition we confess our faults before Thee and beseech Thy forgiveness. In Thy great mercy save us all. Amen."

LEADER: To-day all over the world groups of women of all races are gathered to offer unto Almighty God their adoration and praise, and, as an act of worship, their gifts for the coming of the Kingdom. To-day the Master sits over against the treasury and as the gifts are cast in He knoweth the motives which prompt the givers. Love, sacrifice, repentance, faith and joy mingle in these offerings, which let us now offer to God.

Offering

Let us Pray

IN UNISON: O Lord God Almighty, Supreme Ruler of the nations, without whom no people can be great, and who providest for Thy people by Thy power, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, accept, we pray Thee, these our offerings which we now make in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and grant in Thine infinite mercy that they may be purged of all taint of carelessness and selfishness in giving, and may be used of Thee to extend the news of the gospel of Jesus Christ by means of the ministry of Thy missionary servants and through the written Word. Amen.

Hymn—''The Love of Christ Constraineth.'' Tune: *Aurelia.*

The love of Christ constraineth;
O let the watchword ring
Till all the world adoring
To Jesus' feet it bring.
Till north and south the kingdoms
Shall own His glorious sway,
And east and west the nations
Rejoice to see His day.

The love of Christ constraineth;
At home, abroad, where'er
By sea or shore abiding
His Name and sign we bear.
We ask not that our service
Or great or small may be,
If only Thou wilt own it,
Dear Lord, as unto Thee.

The love of Christ constraineth;
And we who trust His Word,
Who know and feel its power
To gladder service stirred,
Shall neither faint nor falter,
Though dark the night and long,
And weak our hands that labor;
His strength shall make us strong.

The love of Christ constraineth;
Then let us work and pray,
And watch the glad appearing
Of that triumphant day,
When Father, Son, and Spirit,
By every tongue confessed,
All earth His broad dominion
In His dear love shall rest. Amen.

IV. PEACE THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

LEADER: ''God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined . . . the bounds of their habitations; that they should seek the Lord if haply they might feel after Him and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us.'' (Acts 17: 26, 27).

''Behold ye . . . and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe though it be told you.'' (Habakkuk 1: 5).

''The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign for ever and ever.'' (Rev. 11: 15).

Period of Intercession

LEADER: Let us pray for missionaries everywhere that they may be kept in health and safety and that their minds and hearts may be sustained through God's grace in these troublous times.

SILENT PRAYER for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Let us pray for our fellow-Christians in other lands, especially for new Christians and for all who are facing persecution and are in the midst of strife and war, that they may be guided by God's spirit and strengthened by our continuous intercession on their behalf; and let us pray for Jews who are suffering for their race and faith in many parts of the world.

SILENT PRAYER for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom among the nations of the world; for the League of Nations, that the true spirit of co-operation and perfect confidence may prevail; that race prejudice may subside and that all peoples may be strengthened in a firm resolve that there shall be no more war.

SILENT PRAYER for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Our Master, once more we make Thy faith our prayer, and say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer (in unison)

''Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, who didst send Thy Son our Saviour into the world that all men through Him might have everlasting life, we bless Thee for the light of His gospel. May it lighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death and guide us all into the way of peace. We thank Thee for that great company of devoted and saintly men and women who from the beginning have followed their Lord in faithfulness, served Him in sacrifice and loved Him even unto death. Bless, we pray Thee, all missionaries and new Christians everywhere; guard them from danger, cheer them with the thought of Thy continual presence and give them visible success as they labor to extend the interests of Thy Kingdom of love on earth. Hasten, Lord, that promised day when at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.'' Amen. (Sentences from ''A Prayer for Missions,'' by the Rev. A. G. Cameron).

Hymn—''Jesus Shall Reign.'' Tune: *Duke Street.*

LEADER: ''Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.'' (Isaiah 26: 3).

Dismissal Prayer (in unison)

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

Information

The offerings from the Day of Prayer are given to the writing, translating and printing of Christian Literature in many lands. Letters of acknowledgment of last year's allocations stress the increasing urgency for such Christian Literature not only for the purpose of education but in order to offset the flood of questionable and harmful material which is invading the Orient.

The 1933 Day of Prayer collections amounted to $4,600 and was applied to the following: Shanghai, Chinese Christian Literature; Tokio, Japanese Christian Literature; Tokio, Kagawa, Kingdom of God Movement; Korean Christian Literature; Christian Literature Committee for Women and Children; Moslem Christian Literature; African Christian Literature; India Christian Literature; Canadian School of Missions, Toronto; Interdenominational Leper Mission, Toronto; British and Foreign Bible Society, Canada; Christian Literature Society, Shanghai; Upper Canada Tract Society, for work among lumbermen and sailors, Toronto; Jewish Christian Literature.

Offerings should be sent to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee: Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

WORLD Day of Prayer Programmes are still available, for those who have not yet ordered. Women's or Girls' Programmes are one cent each.

Easter claims our next efforts. If each member would decide to read a book a month on Mission subjects, or even one leaflet per month—and read it so that she could pass on the story—what a wave of interest would sweep through the work. The printed word has great power, and can travel far distances. It can be used with great advantage.

EASTER TREASURY for Primaries and Juniors, contains recitations, drills, etc., 35c.

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PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES, these can be cut apart and distributed, 5c. each.

SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS! One of the finest of leaflets, a few are left at 5c.

These and other recent leaflets would be of great value to members of Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries. Write or send for these small helps—they will give variety to the programme.

MacKAY OF FORMOSA—a short life story of Dr. G. L. MacKay, clearing at 10c. per copy; $1.00 per dozen.

Take home helps from the annual meetings, for your group, and see that the Literature Secretary of each Auxiliary has a few free and paid leaflets or books at the meetings, for the convenience of members. A list of a few ''best books'' for supplementary reading will be sent on request. The Publications Department is at Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

Prayer

OUR Father, we thank Thee that Thou art the hearer and answerer of prayer. Thou hast told us to be careful for nothing but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to make our requests known unto Thee. Teach us, we beseech Thee, our Father, to pray. Let us not miss the treasures of Thy grace because we do not ask aright. As we approach the great World Day of Prayer we would earnestly ask Thee:

"That all Christian women may respond to this Call to Prayer and meet in cities, towns and villages, 'morning, noon, or in the evening,' to ask God's mercy upon the troubled and confused nations and His blessing upon His servants as they seek to bring the world to Christ;

"That the women who have in their care the preparation and plans for the meetings may have clear vision and loving zeal as they confer together;

"That all the Christian women of our land may strive to promote all agencies and organized effort looking towards the development of the spiritual resources of the Church of Christ and the purification of our national life.

"Behold what manner of love Thou hast bestowed upon us, our Father, that we should be called Thy children. We thank Thee for this precious relationship. We thank Thee for the sense of pardon, for the peace and power and joy and knowledge of Thyself which come to us when we walk as Children of Light and remember our Father's commandments to do them.

"Forgive us, O God, that we so often and so easily forget. Save us, we beseech Thee, from falling back into easy and trivial ways of living when the needs of a suffering world cry to us for help.

"Lord, touch my heart and the hearts of hosts of women who claim to be Thy children with the same divine pity which moved Jesus with compassion for the multitudes. Let these coming weeks be for us the time of preparation for a united effort to make this a better world at home and abroad. Bless especially all missionaries of the Cross of Christ and give unto them their hearts' desire.

"Remind us daily of Christ; assure us that nothing is impossible to faith. Keep us prayerful and obedient. Show us the shame and folly of living unto self, and the joy of being laborers together with our risen and glorified Lord. So bless us and make us a blessing, for His sake, Amen."

OUR LETTER BOX

WELCOMED EVERYWHERE

Wanham

"SUNDAY School is held every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. We have 14 children on the roll with an average attendance of 12. We have 18 on the cradle roll. The parents are anxious for their children to be kept in touch with the Church. Nine certificates have been given out for Scripture memory work and 12 partial certificates for Primary Catechism. On the 8th of October we had Mr. Wright with us. He presented our 4 junior boys with Bibles and the full Primary Catechism certificates. Our Church service is held immediately after Sunday School. All the children with the exception of one, stay. I have a children's story for them before the sermon for the adults. Average attendance of adults has been 10.

Our 'Allan Reoch' Mission Band was organized on September 6th. We have 18 children on the roll, average attendance is 15. We meet in the school house every Wednesday after school. I have given gospels of John to each child and we are reading and explaining it bit by bit. We have begun the new study book and with a missionary story the children are interested. Work day is greatly enjoyed. Bible booklets, Scripture puzzles, etc., are made and a box was sent to Rev. Allan Reoch, Szepingkai.

Heart Valley and Westvale

Since opening up work in Prestville, I can only go to Heart Valley and Westvale every other Sunday. I go by sleigh, so have to leave at 12.30 to get there at 3.00, though it is only 15 miles. We have a half-hour Sunday School there, to which the parents come. Here we have 12 children on the roll with an average attendance of 9. Two certificates for memory work have been given out. We have 18 babies on our cradle roll. Adult attendance at Church service has been 15.

In Heart Valley we have a Mission Band called 'The Willing Hearted Workers', organized October 10th. We meet every other Monday in the school house and every child remains, even two little boys of five and six years who have four miles to walk back and forth. So we have 17 members.

At Westvale, six miles from Heart Valley, I have Sunday School at 7 p.m., and evening service at 7.30. It is usually ten o'clock before I get home, now with the sleigh it will be nearer 12 p.m. Sometimes I ask myself, is it worth while? Then when I am thanked for the message and told how glad they are that I come and make Sunday a little different for them from other days I cannot but say it is worth while.

I must mention the wonderful bales and parcels which I have already received with clothing, quilts, toys, etc.

Prestville

After two unsuccessful attempts to hold services at Prestville, on account of snow, rain and mud, we finally had a beautiful day and commenced Sunday School and service in the afternoon. We had 20 children in the school house. The school teacher is interested and we have divided the children into two groups. She takes the younger ones and I the older. At our first service there we had 40 people, 21 adults and 19 children, and many expressed their gladness that they could have Sunday School for their children and also a Church service. In October we organized a Mission Band. We meet after school every other Friday. The children all have so far to come that it is the only way to get them. The majority stay for it. We have 30 members and though we have only had two meetings I know they are going to be as interested as at the other points. There are quite a number of Ukrainians in this school, and they are very eager to learn. One boy asked if he might have a Bible. Last Sunday he walked 4 miles through deep snow to come to Sunday School. It certainly is a great privilege to tell the gospel story to these children, some of whom have never heard it.

HOMES OF FIVE NATIONALITIES VISITED

Now I shall tell you something of the homes of these people around Wanham. We shall go east about six miles. Our first stop is at a Ukrainian woman's. She cannot speak English, but she has a little child and we leave some Bible story pictures with her. The next home is that of a Norwegian family. Here there are two babies. They would like to come to Church, but find it hard to get away in the morning—with the babies, and the chores to attend to, and then it takes so long by team. The next is a Swedish family. There is one little boy for our cradle roll. Leaving Sunday School papers we pass on to the next and here we find one of our own Presbyterian families. The four children are regular attendants at Sunday School and Mission Band and the parents come regularly to Church. Another day we walk north through the woods about six miles. The first visit is to a German family. They have four little children, the eldest just started school and he has two and a half miles to walk. They cleared most of their land by hand. The next home is a Ukrainian's. The mother cannot speak English, but she calls her boy of ten years and he interprets. She was cutting grain with a sickle and binding it by hand. The husband was away trying to get work to help out on the homestead.

Our next is a Polish family. Here there are four children. Our last is a Russian family. The mother was out trying to earn a little and there were four children left alone, the oldest 10 years, the youngest 10 months. I had heard of mud floors but there I saw one. What must a home like that be in the winter with 40 or 50 degrees below zero? We could not understand one another, yet we knew they were glad to have a visit. Farther west I came on another Ukrainian woman with two little children. The baby was lying on a bed but there was no bedding and the mother pulled the little thin dress he had on aside and said 'cold'. He had nothing on underneath. Now I can go back and take some of those warm baby things to her.

On the way out to Heart Valley I called at another home. The two little children were playing with bare feet. I had on my winter coat and was cold. Next time I went out that way I took some things. The little girl kissed my hand and the mother put her arms around me. It was her way of saying thank you when she could not speak English.

Then there are many who are lonely and discouraged. Some have had their grain hailed twice and frozen. Some has not been worth threshing, they need that word of cheer, which alone comes from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I, too, need your prayers that I may be faithful and be used to help some to a knowledge of Christ and to lead others to a fuller trust in Him.''—*Margaret Grigor.*

Letter Extracts

"THE Girls' Guild meets every Tuesday evening. We have about 15 girls at each meeting. I am equally proud of our Young People's Society. Four teams take charge of the meetings in turn. The meetings are judged on their merits; I am the judge, and by all appearances I am going to have a difficult task.

Sunday was Anniversary Day, Dr. Osborn of Edmonton was the minister. The Church was filled to capacity at both services. The offerings amounted to $1,043.

A few weeks ago we had quite a mix up with 'ministers' and 'vacancies'. The outcome was, I had to go to Thornton to take the morning service and one of the elders from St. Andrew's Church had to take the evening service in Mayfair. One needs to be ready for almost any kind of an emergency out here. I am Superintendent of Pleasant Hill School again. On Sunday there were 57 pupils present and we only had two teachers, besides myself. The crying need of all our schools is teachers. I made 16 visits to the hospitals and 99 in the the homes, besides doing a lot of clerical work.''—*Helen M. Ross, Saskatoon.*

"I have been able to get the use of a very fine team of horses for the winter at a fair rental and already they have proved their worth for over 790 miles have been covered. Sixty-one calls have been made and 15 Mission Bands, 7 Girls' Groups, 5 Ladies' Aid meetings and 8 Sunday School sessions have been held.

Owing to the distance from Willowdale and the condition of the roads it was deemed advisable to close the Sunday School at Hillsdown until May.

I was privileged to attend the Presbyterial Executive meeting in Carstairs and also Presbytery in Red Deer. At both of these meetings a short report was given of my work. We did enjoy so much having Miss Burdick with us in Red Deer."—*Frieda E. Matthews, Red Deer, Alta.*

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"SOME time ago I received a parcel containing two dozen hymn books. The thanks of St. Stephen's Sunday School go to those who sent them. The children were delighted to have enough whole books to go around.

The Presbyterial Mission Band Rally was held in St. Giles' Church, November 17th, and our Mission Band, which is associated with St. Stephen's Sunday School, was present. We have 27 names on the roll."—*Mary H. Hugill, Ottawa.*

YOUNG WOMEN

"Give us to awake with smiles, give us to labor smiling.
As the sun lightens the world, so let our loving kindness
make bright this house of our habitation!"

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

TELLING GOOD NEWS

WE all like to tell good news. It is the only sort of news that should be told these days. Suppose we all form the "good news" habit. Let us make a belated New Year's resolution and resolve to pass on whatever may seem good to us; to talk of what is making for the betterment of our meetings; to tell of the work in the corner where we are; in no other way can we do more effective work towards building up our Society. So let us each find some special bit of good news to pass on this year. We often discover some new way of doing an old job, which we could share with our sister-Auxiliaries. We may not think it has much value, yet everything tending to create interest in our work, has its own part in the service of our Society. Surely sharing your methods embodies the "get-together" spirit, in an admirable way.

What particular type of programme has proven most interesting to your group? How do you make use of the study book? How do you plan your programmes? We would be glad to receive any helpful suggestions you wish to pass along. Until you have adopted and put this resolution into practice you can have no idea of the uplift in our work that is sure to result all along the line.

Send us your good news.

A Perfect Record

Chatham Presbyterial, Ontario Provincial, reports the following good news— The ''Sunshine'' Y.W.A. of Leamington, which was organized six years ago, graduated recently to a Senior Evening Auxiliary. Their place in the young women's ranks has been taken by a new Auxiliary organized from young women not formerly connected with any missionary organization.

World Day of Prayer

The world wide observance of this day will take place on Friday, February 16th. It is hoped that our Presbyterian Young Women will avail themselves of this opportunity to unite with young women the world over, in this service. Let us be prepared to do our part to make this international Day of Prayer possible.

—Fergie D. Holman.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Service of Worship for Girls

Prepared by Miss Jessie MacPherson,* of the National Girls' Work Board, at the request of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada.

''Blessed are the Peacemakers''

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FEBRUARY 16, 1934

Theme: Blessed are the Peacemakers.

Organ or Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: ''The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. . . God is a spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.'' (John 4: 23, 24).

Let us pray.

(All standing)

Prayer (in unison)

O God, who art Peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us that the peacemakers are Thy children, pour Thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be sweet to us forever. Amen. (From the Mozarabic before 700 A.D.).

Hymn (remain standing).—''For the Beauty of the Earth.'' Verse 1.
Tune: *Dix.*

(Remain standing)

LEADER: Let us try to come into the presence of God, waiting before Him in silence.

Let us try to put away all thoughts save those which remind us of God. It may help if we remember the most beautiful thing we have ever seen, or heard, or felt.

(Brief silence)

Let us remember that God is beyond all things beautiful, and that His spirit may be among us, if we reach out after Him.

GIRLS:
God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be in my life and in my departing.
(From an old Saxon Primer).

Blessed are the Peacemakers.

(All seated)

UNISON: ''Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy; But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be children of your Father which is in heaven.'' (Matthew 5: 43-45).

LEADER: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5: 48).

GIRLS: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. (Matthew 5: 9).*

LEADER: What is peace?

GIRLS: *Peace is love—The feeling of friendship.—The happiness of everybody.*

Peace is a thing—That brings to all nations—Something greater than gold.

Peace is love—For your fellowmen—And for the people in foreign countries.

Peace is God's blessing upon the world.—(From ''Through the Gateway.'')

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To love life, to give the best to it, to be as courageous as a soldier in a battle, to bring to life the spirit of Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To take possession of God's gifts of beauty—bare trees against a winter sky . . . the music of a great symphony . . . ''the gracious loveliness of children.''*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To use God's special gifts to each of us—skill in crafts with which we may bring beauty into our homes . . . minds to seek the truth and enjoy it . . . a whole personality to be developed.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To help create within our own families a spirit of mutual understanding and helpfulness . . . to develop within ourselves those qualities of mind and spirit which will make us ready for the joys and responsibilities of the homes we may help to create in the future . . . to give the best we have to the work we have to do, in school, in office, in factory, at home . . . to create with boys and other girls fun and friendship, enriching and glad.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To be mindful of all in our community, those who suffer because of unemployment, those whose hours of work are too long and too monotonous, those to whom life is more difficult than happy; and to study, to work, to pray for the time when their needs may be met in a new and Christian society.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To widen our interests and deepen our understanding that we may be aware of the whole wide world of people and their needs; to commit ourselves to the business of working with God in the bringing in of His kingdom on the earth.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To seek endlessly for an understanding of God's purpose for ourselves and for the whole world; to fulfil that purpose in all the relationships of life.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

GIRLS: *To fill our lives with the spirit of Jesus Christ, the supreme Peace Maker.*

LEADER: ''I beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.'' (Ephesians 4: 1-6).

GIRLS: *We join hands with girls and women in churches the world over, who to-day pledge themselves to the cause of peacemaking.*

LEADER: Let us then renew our faith and our purpose, asking God's guidance in all our peaceful endeavors.

(All kneeling)

Hymn—''Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart.'' (Verses 1, 3, 4, 5).
Tune: *Langran* or *Morecambe*

Prayer (in unison)

O thou great Chief, light a candle within our hearts that we may see what is therein and sweep away the rubbish from Thy dwelling place. Amen. (Prayer of an African schoolgirl).

LEADER: ''Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'' (Philippians 4: 8).

Let us remember before God our own homes, our special friends, the neighbors in our community. Let us judge our relationships with them as we slowly read together this beautiful standard for our love.

UNISON: ''Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; loves makes no parade, love gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears.'' (I Corinthians 13: 4-8 — Moffatt's translation).

Leader: In the silence, let us pray that we may learn to love like that.

(Brief silence)

Girls: *Help us to love as Thou dost love us, O God, that so we may be children of Thine, creating peace wherever we go. May Thy laws of love and peace be established in homes and communities throughout the whole world. Amen.*

(All standing)

Hymn—''Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All.'' Tune: *Pentecost.*

Father in Heaven, who lovest all,
O help Thy children when they call;
That they may build from age to age
An undefiled heritage.

Teach us the strength that cannot seek,
By deed or thought, to hurt the weak;
That, under Thee, we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,
With steadfastness and careful truth;
That, in our time, Thy grace may give
The truth whereby the nations live.

Teach us delight in simple things,
And mirth that has no bitter springs;
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And love to all men 'neath the sun.
Amen.

Leader: To-day all over the world groups of girls of all races are gathered to offer unto Almighty God their adoration and praise, and, as an act of worship, their gifts for the coming of the Kingdom. To-day the Master sits over against the treasury and as the gifts are cast in He knoweth the motives which prompt the givers. Love, sacrifice, repentance, faith and joy mingle in these offerings, which let us now offer to God.

Offering

(All kneeling)

Leader: Let us remember before God, our nation, and the nations of the earth:

''Father eternal, Ruler of creation,
Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made,
Through the thick darkness covering every nation
Light to man's blindness, O be thou our aid.''

Girls: *''Thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.''*

Leader: Races and peoples, lo we stand divided
And sharing not our griefs, no joy can share,
By wars and tumults Love is mocked, derided,
His conquering cross no kingdom wills to bear.
(Lawrence Housman).

Girls: *''Thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.''*

Leader: Let us pray for the rulers of our land and of all lands, that they may learn the art of peace making, that righteousness and loving kindness may prevail.

(Brief silence)

Leaders: Let us pray that all endeavors to create peace among nations and justice for all within every nation may prosper.

(Brief silence)

Leader: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Here is the vision of a great peacemaker. Let us pray that those who try to make this vision a reality, especially our missionaries and new Christians everywhere, may be sustained through God's grace during these troublous times and may have a triumphant sense of God's peace in their lives and their endeavors.

(Brief silence)

Unison: Grant us, O God! that in Thy holy love
The universal people of the world
May grow more great and happy every day;
Mightier, wiser, humbler, too, toward Thee.
And that all ranks, all classes, callings, states
Of life, so far as such seem right to Thee,
May mingle into one, like sister trees,
And so, on one stem flourish; that all laws
And powers of government be based and used
In good, and for the people's sake; that each
May feel himself of consequence to all
And act as though all saw him; that the whole
Mass of every nation may so do
As is most worthy of the next to God;
For a whole people's souls, each one worth more
Than a mere world of matter, make, combined,
A something godlike, something like to Thee.
(Philip James Bailey).

(All standing)

Hymn—"In Christ There is no East Nor West." Tune: *St. Peter.*

In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North,
But one great Fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands then, Brothers of the Faith,
Whate'er your race may be
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in Him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.
Amen.

Benediction (in unison)

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus now and for evermore. Amen.

Note to Leader of Service

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

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* Our Leaders and C.G.I.T. girls would extend congratulations to Miss Jessie MacPherson, National and Ontario Girls' Work Secretary, who is resigning to accept the position of Dean of Women in Victoria College, Toronto.

MISSION BANDS

A VALENTINE SCRAP BOOK

IT was a cold autumn day in the Peace River District. The fallen leaves crunched under Ludvina's feet as she walked along the road to Dixonville. It was cold, but she tucked her hands in her sweater, and, as she went she sang snatches of the songs she had learned in her old home in Poland. She was on her way to Dixonville to ask Dr. Margaret Strang Savage to come and see her little sister, Veronica, who was ill.

Ludvina had no difficulty in finding the doctor's little log house, for it was right beside the Church in a lovely grove of birch trees. She ran up to the door and knocked, and on going in saw quite a few people waiting to see the doctor.

''What can I do for you, Ludvina?'' asked Dr. Savage.

''Veronica is sick,'' she said. ''Mother wants you to come and see her.''

''I will go just as soon as I have looked after these people,'' the doctor replied. ''I won't be long.'' Then opening the cupboard she took out a book and handing it to Ludvina, said, ''Sit down, dear, and look at this until I am ready.''

Ludvina sat down by the window with the book in her hands. It was a scrap book, and on the cover was a pretty red valentine. She did not know what a valentine was, she had never seen one before. She opened the book. Inside were all kinds of lovely valentines, big ones and little ones, some with cupids, some with forget-me-nots and others with children. Some were just hearts and a few had lovely paper lace. She read all the verses carefully. ''They are all about love,'' she thought. ''I guess valentine means love. Oh how pretty they are! What a beautiful book it is!''

''I am ready at last,'' said Dr. Savage.

Ludvina looked up, surely all the people hadn't been looked after, did she really have to leave the lovely book so soon. She stood up and reluctantly closed the book and put it on the table. Dr. Savage looked at her and then at the book. ''Would you like to take the book home and keep it for your very own?''

''Oh! I would love to!'' Ludvina replied and her face lit up with joy.

''Come along then,'' said the doctor, ''and bring the book.''

In a few minutes Dr. Savage had saddled her horse, and lifting Ludvina up in front of her they started off.

It seemed no time until they reached her home. The little girl jumped down. Her eyes were shining with excitement and she clasped the lovely book in her arms. She ran to her mother who was watching for them. ''Look Mother,'' she cried, ''see my beautiful book with all the lovely red hearts that tell about love.'' Then she ran into their tiny house, and over to the wooden bed in the corner where her little sister lay.

''Look Veronica! see the beautiful book the doctor has given us! Won't we have fun looking at it when you are better?''

The doctor and the mother came in together. The doctor examined Veronica carefully and left some medicine for her, and said she would be all right in a few days. Then she mounted her horse, bade them all a smiling good-bye, and rode away. Ludvina watched her until she was out of sight, then turned and ran into the house to look once again at her book, which was the only bright thing in that little home.

I wonder what Mission Band made that valentine scrap book with all the messages of love that brought so much joy to little Ludvina.

—B. K. Riddell.

Leadership Training Course

Synopsis of Lecture II.

THE CHILDREN WE LEAD

IN the first lesson of this Training Course we considered our objective, ''Helping children to follow Jesus through friendly living.'' We also emphasized the fact that the training of the child is more important than the actual work accomplished. We turn now to a discussion concerning the children.

The Individual Child

Who are the children who compose your Band? Do you know them? Can you call each by name ? This is, of course, very necessary. What else do you really know about them? As individuals, how can you best help each one to become a friendly child following the example of Jesus? It would help the leader if she would take a little book and put one child's name at the top of each page and, as she comes to know the child, make note of such things as health, chief hobbies or interests, attitude towards Mission Band, attitude to other children, home environment, etc.

When arranging programmes give the children with least opportunities more prominent places in the Band. This develops and encourages them. Jesus always chose his helpers from humble homes.

Behaviour Problems

Most leaders have problem-behaviour cases to deal with. This makes the discovery of as much knowledge as possible about each child a necessity. Have you a child who is self-assertive, who wants to lead in every activity? Have you a child who is shy, who is slow in participating in the work of the group? Have you a child who is precocious, or stubborn, or others who are mischievous? These children call for individual treatment. The slow and timid need encouragement, the self-assertive sometimes need to be ignored and sometimes given a leadership place. The precocious child needs to be given more difficult tasks, and the mischievous ones need to be kept busy. The stubborn child often needs to be ignored but often also to be encouraged. Problem-behaviour cases should be studied sympathetically.

Group Ideas

The knowledge and ideas of the Band as a group should also be discovered. A leader a short time ago was about to begin a study of mission work in Africa. The first step she took was to find out what the children thought of Africa and the Africans. The discovery was surprising. They thought of Africans as niggers who were dirty and only to be ridiculed. Their thought of true friendship with these people was almost impossible. Their idea of Africa was just jungles. After a few months' study she changed their attitudes entirely. What if it had been too much trouble to take time in the first place to find out the thoughts and attitudes of this group!

Natural Instincts

Every child has natural instincts. These vary according to age and physical make up. Some have greater curiosity than others, some a desire for approval, many have a tendency to mother and protect, others have vivid imaginations. Then there is the instinct to do things together (the group instinct). The wise leader remembers these things when planning her programme and tries to work in suitable worship study, stories, games, and work to keep each child interested and enlightened according to his or her capacity.

Leader and Child Relationship

The leader and child relationship in the Band should be that of friends. Do your children feel that you are only Miss Somebody to them or do they feel that you are really a friend? Do they ever say of you with childish enthusiasm, "Miss Somebody is my friend. I am going to Miss Somebody's house to-day. Miss Somebody likes me and she lets me show her my doll." Such friendly relationships should be the experience of every leader and every child.

These are some facts about children which it is wise for the average leader to consider in relation to her work.—*B. K. Riddell.*

The above outline is based on the second lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the third lecture is ''How Do Children Learn?''

This course when completed may be secured for a small charge from the W.M.S. Publications Office, 372 Bay St., Toronto. Watch for further announcement.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—At the C.G.I.T. meeting of Grace Church, Calgary, Pattie and Elsie Gordon, whose parents are Baptist missionaries in India, spoke to the girls about that country which had been their home for several years. They were dressed in Indian costume and delighted their audience with several songs and Indian dances. They also brought with them an exquisitely hand-carved marble miniature of the Taj Mahal for the girls to examine. During the half-hour which followed Pattie answered the questions put by the girls and told many interesting things about the life of the people.

Calgary Presbyterial Executive heard most encouraging Secretarial reports. The C.G.I.T. Secretary reported a very active year, the girls showing a keener interest and greater desire for work. The most cheering report was that of Mrs. T. J. Noble, Supply Secretary, who told of the wonderful response she received to her appeals. Clothing, mostly new, quantities of babies' and children's wear, and toys, books, etc., were sent. Twenty-nine large bales were distributed to the following points—Grande Prairie; Miss Grigor, Peace River District; Miss Mathews, Red Deer; Dr. Margaret Strang Savage, Dixonville; Rev. Mr. Peck, Rocky Mt. House; Rev. J. M. Fraser, Brownvale; Miss McPherson, Vegreville; and to the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.

At the December meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, Mrs. Allott read a beautiful Christmas story, prayers were offered by three ladies for our missionaries at home and overseas, and for any of our workers who are ill. All reports showed a fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation in the different branches of the work. Two Life Membership Certificates were presented as well as a book to the oldest member, Mrs. McRae, who is 92 years old, and was present at the meeting.

Edmonton P.S.—''The Beacon'', an excellent monthly magazine, edited, printed and published by the young people of First Church, Edmonton, has given very generously of its space to the work of our W.M.S. The Literature Department was allowed a full page, thus drawing attention to the many excellent books which the Provincial Literature Secretary has on hand. Reference was also made to the Lantern Slide Department. Mrs. Osborne, of First Church manse, who has been ill, was welcomed to the Presbyterial Executive and gave a very helpful Bible reading.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

DURING the annual meeting of Mt. Pleasant Church W.M.S., Vancouver, the retiring President and Secretary, Mesdames McGlashan and Gourlie, were presented with corsage bouquets of roses by members of the Executive. Mrs. J. Herd conducted an impressive installation service, after which she herself was made an Honorary President in token of her service as President of the local Society, then of Westminster Presbyterial, and now as the chief officer in British Columbia.

The Presbyterian Mission Band Leaders' Council, of Vancouver, met at the home of Miss L. McKillop, Mrs. T. Deas, President, presided. The programme was in charge of Miss Yeandle, leader of the Chinese Band. Mrs. C. H. Judd, of the China Inland Mission, and Mrs. Sutherland, a returned missionary from China, gave helpful and interesting talks.

At the annual meeting of the Fairview Church W.M.S., Vancouver, yearly reports were presented and Mrs. Thos. Wilson presented a memorial certificate for the late Mrs. Duncan Kennedy, given by her sister, Mrs. J. C. Douglas.

Fairview Church Mission Band celebrated its eighth birthday on December 9th. Mrs. Macbeth presided. Invited guests were: Mrs. F. G. Fowler, Secretary of Mission Bands for Westminster Presbyterial; Mrs. Angus Mackenzie, former Secretary, who was present at the organization of the Band; Mrs. J. C. Fraser, who was also present at the first meeting, and Mrs. S. A. Middleton, the first leader. Former members contributed to the programme. When the birthday cake was to be cut, the former Presidents were called to the front and each in turn lighted a candle on the cake. A social half hour brought a delightful afternoon to a close.

Victoria P.S.—The annual meeting of the Gorge W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. W. Sanders, 5 members, 1 associate member and 1 visitor being present, also 4 members of the Erskine W.M.S. This Auxiliary met for the purpose of amalgamation and was warmly welcomed.

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. Sanders, President, followed by the minutes and a resumé of the year's work by the Secretary-Treasurer. The members felt especially thankful that the offerings sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer more than reached the allocation. Mrs. Kennedy, President of St. Andrew's W.M.S., presided during the election, after which the new officers were consecrated, in prayer, to their new duties. Mrs. Kennedy then addressed the gathering on the command of God to Joshua to ''Go forward,'' saying: ''though this has been called a depressing year the people who love God and follow His command find that their disappointments are really appointments by God.'' Mrs. Kennedy's visit was greatly appreciated by the Erskine and Gorge Auxiliaries. The meeting closed with prayer.

The ''Douglas'' Mission Band, organized in Creston, with Mrs. A. O. Thomson as leader, have used and enjoyed the lantern slides on our mission fields.

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MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

FIRST Church, Brandon, was fortunate in hearing Miss Burdick, of Formosa, tell of the splendid work that is being carried on in the schools, Theological College and Hospital. Besides giving addresses in Brandon, Miss Burdick visited Melita, Boissevain, Neepawa, Carberry, Elphinstone and Portage la Prairie. She was also guest at luncheon of the Brandon Presbyterial Executive.

On December 11th, First Church Mission Band held an ''In Memoriam'' service in memory of the late Miss Mildred Soutar, R.N. Miss Mary Scott presided. The devotional exercises were taken by Miss Jean Duncan and Mrs. A. Shewan. Mrs. J. Howe, Superintendent of the Band, Rev. J. Wedderburn, and Mrs. M. G. Abey spoke on the life and work of Miss Soutar, at Hamilton, Ontario, and later in the ''M. G. Abey'' Hospital at Amkhut, India.

St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., Brandon, met at the home of the President, Mrs. T. Douglas. Splendid reports of the year's work were given by the Secretaries, a noteworthy feature being the increase both in membership and giving. Mrs. J. F. Leslie, on behalf of the W.M.S., presented a Life Membership to Mrs. James Baxter, and Mrs. Douglas presented Mrs. Baxter with the W.M.S. pin.

The Thank-offering meeting of First Church Mission Band, Brandon, was addressed by Rev. J. F. Wedderburn and Mrs. J. A. Gray. A good programme was presented. Mrs. J. Howe, Superintendent, presided. She was assisted by Miss Mary Scott, Band President. Seals were presented to Kate and Jean Duncan, Margaret Oliver, Barbara Edworthy, Mary Scott, Margaret Taylor and Edith Adolph.

Superior P.S. was privileged to have a visit from Miss Burdick, of Formosa. December 10th, she visited Fort Frances and spoke at the morning service, December 11th she spoke to the W.M.S. and Mission Band. Coming to Fort William, December 12th, she addressed the

Presbyterial Executive in the morning, the ''Willing Workers'' of West Fort William and the Port Arthur W.M.S. in the afternoon, and the Fort William W.M.S. in the evening. The C.G.I.T. girls assisted in the social hour. Her addresses were listened to with rapt attention.

The women of St. Andrew's Church presented Dr. Grant with a Life Membership in the W.M.S. and a pin, as a Christmas gift, Mrs. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, making the presentation.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. John's W.M.S. was presided over by Mrs. John Dick. After a devotional period, an illustrated lecture—''Canada—Churches and Institutions'', was given by Mrs. J. S. Flook, and all were impressed with the splendid showing of the Presbyterian Churches throughout the far-flung Dominion of Canada. The audience was appreciative and generous, the offering greatly augmenting the Auxiliary allocation.

Winnipeg Presbyterial held a meeting in First Church, Winnipeg, to enable the W.M.S. women of Winnipeg to meet Miss Burdick, of Formosa. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. J. Martin, presided. Miss Burdick told about her work in the Women's School, of the wonderful way in which God has blessed the efforts of the workers, how eager the girls are to take the Gospel message to those who have not heard it, and the joy it is to bring the ''light'' to those who are still in darkness. Miss Burdick stated that not one of the W.M.S. missionaries had been recalled, that it was through the efforts of the women that such a happy state existed and urged the members to work to increase the membership and pray that missionaries and workers may be upheld and strengthened and see much fruit for their labor.

ONTARIO

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IT is just February, many say, let us relax after the rush of the closing months. Instead, let us work while the year is young and there will be no rush when the end is come.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society will be held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, April 17th, 18th and 19th. Mrs. John Taylor, 21 Mount Royal Avenue, Hamilton, is convener of the billeting committee. Secretaries are requested to have names of delegates sent in by March 24th.

Do you know of any individuals, young men, women, or families leaving your community to settle elsewhere? If you would assure them a welcome in their new home telephone your Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and their names will be forwarded immediately.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Bear Creek Auxiliary in Sarnia P.S. was celebrated with a banquet, Rev. W. B. Mitchell presiding over a programme and toasts to the King, first and present Presidents and visitors. A story cake with twenty-five candles graced the speakers' table. The history of Bear Creek settlement was given, it being the hundredth anniversary of its founding and ninety years since the first religious work was commenced there by Rev. Wm. McAllister then minister of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia. Services were held in the homes until 1885 when the first church was built, the history of which was also related.

Is missionary work uninteresting? Not in Stratford Presbyterial where in Knox Church, Mitchell, they celebrated the Mission Band's fortieth birthday. Mrs. J. M. Empey, a charter member, presided over a programme of songs, dialogues, presentation of certificates and seals, missionary pageant, a service of remembrance, the lighting of forty blue candles on the birthday cake and an address by Mrs. H. L. Bennie, of Acton. This event gave Mission Band work an outstanding place in Church life and should spur the children to greater zeal and activity.

News flashes from Chatham are that Valetta Mission Band gave entire programme at Senior W.M.S. meeting; Mrs. S. Ferguson, Presbyterial President, addressed Valetta Auxiliary, her subject was ''Thoughts''; Knox, Leamington, presented Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. A. White; Knox, Windsor, sewing for hospital; St. Andrew's, Windsor, enjoy Mrs. W. A. Mathews as guest speaker at Thank-offering meeting; Rev. W. N. Ferguson, Wardsville, addressed Bartlett Circle of Windsor, and gave illustrated lecture to Mt. Zion, Ridgetown, when Mrs. J. McDonald was presented with a Life Membership Certificate; Captain Nunn, of the Salvation Army, addressed Dresden Auxiliary; the ''Sunshine'' Circle of Knox, Leamington, has graduated into a Y.W.A.; Miss P. B. Lamont visited all Auxiliaries in this Presbyterial. The visit of Miss Isabel McConnell, of India, to Puce, Chatham, Leamington, and Windsor, gave renewed inspiration and vigor to these Auxiliaries.

Good meetings at Caintown and Mountain in Brockville P.S. were addressed by Mrs. Jas. Riddell on ''Missionary Activity in the Church'' and at Lansdowne by Mrs. Jas. Hodge, Cardinal, who spoke on India, a subject of special interest there as this is the home of Miss Stringer, now in India. Lansdowne was later addressed by Dr. N. A. McLeod when Mrs. Dunlop and choir of Brockville gave a recital in song and story on the ''Life of David Livingstone.''

At Prescott Thank-offering meeting, visitors were present from Pittston, Ogdensburg, Brockville, Cardinal, and Spencerville. A Life Membership Certificate and pin were presented to Mrs. C. Millar. Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, was introduced and spoke briefly. Mrs. W. D. Turner, Winchester, gave an address on Japan, interesting curios were on display. At Pittston, the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. P. Montgomery when Mrs. Jas. Riddell, Presbyterial President was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and an address of appreciation. Rev.

R. C. Archer, Cardinal, spoke on India. An item of interest was a ''Dress parade of other days.'' At Cardinal, the young people and 'teen-age girls were addressed by Miss Mary Hill on ''Life as an Adventure.'' Mrs. Jas. Riddell was present and affiliated them with the W.M.S.

A jubilant note came from Barrie P.S. telling of the splendid work done at Victoria Harbour; individual interest keen, splendid address by Rev. J. K. West, Hillsdale; Creemore Auxiliary addressed by Mrs. J. S. Shortt, Barrie; Allandale by Mrs. Hislip, Presbyterial President, and by Mrs. S. M. Gordon, Cookstown; Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. G. Leslie, contributions good; new inspiration brought to Knox Church Auxiliary, Meaford, by Miss Batty, returned missionary and native of their own township (St. Vincent); Alliston addressed by Mrs. Hislip, when a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Miss Grace Willoughby.

The fourth sectional rally of Guelph P.S. meeting at Knox Church, Crieff, with Knox, Guelph, Paisley Block and Duff's Church, Puslinch, a good attendance of Presbyterial officers and members. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Toronto, gave an interesting talk on her work as Secretary for India.

The ''Faithful Workers'' Mission Band, St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, celebrated their golden anniversary and gave a good start to the next fifty years of missionary endeavor on December 1st, under the leadership of Mrs. E. H. Howson. After a programme of choruses, recitations and solos, Mrs. James Dutton, Sr., addressed the Band and presented each member with a copy of St. John's Gospel. Twenty-four were presented with seals or certificates donated by the Kirk Session, Board of Managers, Fraser Auxiliary, Choir, Men's Association, Ladies' Aid, Senior W.M.S. with parents and friends, thus showing the active interest taken in missions by the congregation at large. Mrs. D. Jordon, who donated the first seal to the Mission Band then lit the fifty golden candles atop the large birthday cake which was served with coffee by Band members to the gathering of over two hundred. This Band raised $164.00 for missions and a nice bale. They raise money from teas, sales and work parties.

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Santa Claus Visits Chinese Children

MOST honorable Santa Claus, father of Christmas, paid his respects to forty almond-eyed Canadians at the Christmas festival of the Chinese Kindergarten at the C.Y.M.C. Institute, Dorchester Street West, Montreal, on December 22nd.

Like the boys and girls themselves, he came in western costume. But he spoke Chinese as well as English, and he seemed to know a lot of things about chop sticks and lechee nuts and every single little boy and girl by their Chinese name.

He came to a scene that retained the best western tradition of Christmas tree and wise men, but had also the grace of the east in politeness and manner. For the Chinese children of Montreal have kept that exquisite formality which has long been associated with the Celestial Kingdom.

Western boys and girls would have opened their presents immediately. Not so these little Chinese boys and girls! They thanked Santa; but they tucked their gifts under their arms, unopened. They would unwrap them when they went back home. For every good Chinese child knows that home is the place to unwrap gifts. But if their parcels were tucked under their arms, still secure in their wrappings, their bags of candy found a home almost immediately. And no Chinese child went without a bag of candy. Most honorable Santa Claus had seen to that.

The attendance was a record one, the floor of the auditorium being filled to capacity with the relatives and friends of the children. The Rev. Jas. G. Potter, D.D., acted as chairman and welcomed the guests. Miss Agnes Dickson, missionary in charge of work for the Chinese in Montreal, offered the opening prayer in Chinese and also interpreted Dr. Potter's address to the mothers of the children.

The outstanding item on the programme was the recitation by the School of a portion of the second chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. The children, ranging in age from three to six years repeated the entire passage clearly and perfectly. A Christmas song was sung and three little girls extended words of welcome. A toy drill by the tiny girls, a candle drill by ten pyjama-clad girls of the senior class and a snow shovel drill by the boys were pleasingly executed and showed patient and careful training. Assisting in the programme were the ''Helping Hand'' Club and the Junior Club of the Institute, also the C.G.I.T. group from the Chinese Mission. Miss Cameron, President of the Provincial Board of the W.M.S. brought greetings as did Mr. A. M. Nairn, who has been associated with the work for many years. The Rev. C.C. Shiu offered the closing prayer.

Santa Claus arrived at this point and distributed bountiful gifts from the gaily decorated Christmas tree. Among those who received the gifts were the 30 children of the kindergarten class, their mothers and the younger members of their families as well as the groups assisting in the programme. The devoted teachers were generously remembered by the parents of the little pupils. The Festival was held under the auspices of the Montreal Presbyterial, who also provided the gifts for the mothers and children. Mr. Terroux kindly donated a generous supply of candy.

A Correction

In the January issue, it was stated that $827.89 had been received to date from Quebec Provincial for the Special Campaign Fund. This figure is incorrect, and should be $527.89.—Ed.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

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Ontario

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Hamilton P.S.—Y.W.A. Central Ch., Hamilton.

Stratford P.S.—Britton Y.W.A.

Toronto P.S.—Long Branch Y.W.A.; Ukrainian M.B., Ukrainian Presbyterian Mission, Toronto.

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Editorial

Canada and World Peace

THERE is one policy that has the support of all social, political and religious parties in Canada. That policy is peace. The League of Nations Society in Canada recognizing this fact, has planned a nation-wide effort to give expression to this sentiment. A campaign linking hundreds of organizations with the press and the radio is being put into effect. An outline for Discussion covering eleven meetings has been prepared. To supplement this Outline and to introduce discussion, a series of radio talks will be given over a national network, through the courtesy of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission each Sunday from 2.15 to 2.30 p.m., beginning January 21st and ending April 1st. The topics include: Canadian Responsibilities; Why should Canadians be interested in World Peace?; How Is Peace to be maintained—By force or co-operation?; What does Partnership in a Collective System involve for Canada?; What might happen to Canada if the Collective System is abandoned?; Present Obstacles to Peace; Why did the Collective System fail in Manchuria?; Disarmament; How can we work for Peace in Canada?; How Can Canada work for Peace in the World?; Summary and Review.

This is the first time an attempt has been made through the combined use of the radio and group discussion to have simultaneous study of a subject by all members of the nation. ''The aim is to induce every thinking man and woman in Canada who accepts his or her responsibilities as a citizen to consider what he or she can do in the cause of peace.''

Interdependence, a Quarterly Review of the League of Nations and International Affairs (December and September issues), contains a guide outline for these discussions, also an Appeal signed by R. B. Bennett, W. Mackenzie King, and J. S. Woodsworth, which closes with these words:

''The people of Canada worked together in war. We ask them now to work together in the nobler task of helping to substitute for the use of violence and force in international relations, the principles of law and justice upon which a world society as well as a national society must rest.''

Furloughs

WHEN a missionary has given five and a half years' service overseas she is granted a year's holiday, termed in missionary circles, a *furlough.* This recreation time is supposed to afford her a period of rest and the opportunity to pursue those studies she feels she must take if she is to do efficient work and be able to grapple with the problems which confront her on the mission field. When we read in the Provincial News that Miss Burdick addressed meetings from Vancouver to Toronto, in one case speaking four times in one day, and note that Miss McConnell and Miss Adams were equally sought as speakers in Ontario and Quebec we naturally question the term, *period of rest.* Coming to Study Courses we are happy to announce that Miss McConnell, Superintendent Jobat Hospital, India, is taking a seven months' course in anæsthesia and obstetrics in the General Hospital, Hartford, Conn.; that Miss Burdick, of Formosa, is enjoying special studies in the Canadian School of Missions, Toronto; and, that Miss Adams, our kindergarten supervisor in Formosa, has just completed a course in Columbia University and obtained the degree of B.Sc.

Historic Records

WE are greatly indebted to Mrs. I. C. Sharp, of Montreal, our beloved Honorary President, for copies of the annual report of the Women's Missionary Society, Montreal, from 1899-1913, and to Miss Mary Campbell, of Montreal, for the official magazines of the same Society—the *Women's Missionary Outlook*—from 1904-1914, and to Mrs. C. P. Smith, of Toronto, for bound copies of the *Home Mission Pioneer,* 1904, 1905, 1906. These last volumes have a special significance, for they were sent by a former Editor of this magazine and have inscribed on the fly leaf the name, ''Sara Mickle,'' who was the first Editor of the *Home Mission Pioneer.*

We are very grateful to these kind friends for supplying these books for our library shelves, which up until now held no reports or copies of the magazines of either of these two Societies which amalgamated with the W.F.M.S. in 1914 to form the present W.M.S.

WANTED

A table victrola, with good records, for Formosa, before the middle of March. Apply to Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, 45 Maxwell Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. Allan Reoch has moved from Taonan to Szepingkai, so parcels should be sent direct to him to Szepingkai, Manchuria, via Japan.

Treasurer's Statement For 1933

THE auditor's statement was received and accepted by the Council Executive at its meeting on February 13th, and will appear in the Annual Report. We give herewith an abbreviated statement of receipts and expenditures.

Receipts

Provincial Givings:		
Alberta	$ 4,151.68	
Alberta on 1932 allocation	388.71	
British Columbia	5,300.00	
Manitoba	3,807.85	
Manitoba on 1932 allocation	1,267.35	
Ontario	109,000.00	
Quebec	15,405.00	
Saskatchewan	2,650.00	
		$141,970.59
Individual subscriptions and refunds	5,095.52	
Legacies	7,070.50	
Interest	3,021.71	
Sale of property at Vegreville	687.64	
Rent of property at Vegreville	40.00	
Western Relief	231.46	
		16,146.83
Government grants for Indian Schools		35,120.31
Total Receipts		$193,237.73

Of these receipts the following are not available for general estimates:

Government grants	$ 35,120.31	
Legacies	7,070.50	
Individual subscriptions	2,700.00	
Sale of property	687.64	
Interest (on special funds)	1,770.20	
		$ 47,348.65
Receipts available for estimates		$145,889.08

Disbursements		$182,441.44	
Less—Indian grants	$ 35,120.31		
Amounts taken from special funds for buildings, pensions, etc...	5,222.68	40,342.99	
Disbursements on estimates			$142,098.45
Balance of receipts over expenditure			$3,790.63

Our first note must be one of thanksgiving that in this year of great stress our receipts have more than met our expenditure. We are proud of our women, young women, girls, and children who have made this possible. We also thank our workers in our institutions in Canada for their many economies and very evident sense of responsibility and their co-operation. We think, too, of our missionaries in our overseas fields who have done without much they should have had. Our thanks also go to every officer on the Council Executive, Provincial, Presbyterial and Auxiliary who have been tireless in their efforts to make ends meet. As a result we have closed our year owing no man anything and with a balance on the right side. This is one side of the picture.

The other is that we fell very far short of our estimate of $171,000. Did we expect to raise it? The answer is, Council Executive cut the 1934 estimate to $158,000. The Finance Committee early in the year realized we were not going to come within a long way of $171,000 and that the only thing to do was to keep down expenditure and trust our Society to do its best. Every cent was watched but I fear that what most of all kept down expenses was a lessening of work.

1. Since May we have not been responsible for the fields of Gonor or East Selkirk.

2. Since our missionary to the Jews in Toronto resigned, in May, we have not been able to appoint another worker.

3. Since Miss Grigor's transfer to Peace River District and Mrs. McLean's retirement as deaconess at large in British Columbia, we have had no deaconess in British Columbia.

4. No expenditure put on any building in Canada but what could be met from its own revenue.

5. We have had no work in Manchuria and did not even pay the grants estimated.

6. Money which had been sent to Manchuria and was unused in January, 1933, was transferred to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai to be used for our other estimates in China.

7. We have had no work in British Guiana.

8. Favorable exchange on our drafts to Formosa, and the assuming of work by the field enabled us to withhold two quarters' estimates with the exception of salaries.

9. There was no estimate for new missionaries though some were sorely needed.

10. The reduction of our office rent also helped.

11. What helped most of all was everlasting vigilance on the part of everybody.

However, we begin the year without any debts and the Society is in a position to advance with improving times.

Our members will note the amounts received in legacies. We take this opportunity to pay a tribute to those of our members who have gone from us, but who by their last gifts, large or small, have remembered the work of the Society they loved in their life-time. All legacies are used for buildings and had it not been for this fund we could not have extended our work during such trying times. So in these buildings these friends of our Society will live for evermore.

Again we thank all those who have helped, each knows her own responsibility and how she has met it.

What would help would be if every woman in our Church would realize that some responsibility devolved upon her for making Christ known and loved and worshipped in all the world. What is needed, too, is that each of us would look up from our own little place of work and catch anew a vision of the world's need. So much is waiting for us to do, so much we have to refuse.

Whatever else we have to cut down, do not cut down on our enthusiasm. Let us keep that and we will win through.

Lift up your eyes unto the hills.
From whence cometh our help?
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN,
Treasurer.

The Ministry of the Needle

EXTRACTS FROM SOME OF THE "THANK YOU" LETTERS FOR THE SUPPLIES MADE BY OUR W.M.S. MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR

Hospitals

"WE received a wonderful bale and we thank you very, very much for it. We appreciate very much the old plaid. There is so much that we can use in our Christmas boxes that we send to needy families. The quilts will be very useful too. We so often get calls for bedding. Three of the doctors told us the other day of a family that had practically no bedding. So we can certainly make use of the quilts. The weather has been quite cold, last week it was 20 below zero."

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"OUR requisition for supplies, as in previous years, has been well filled, and all supplies were satisfactory as to quality and suitability for our work. Needless to say they were much needed and gratefully received."

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"WE received the usual very welcome bales from our different Presbyterials. During the year we gave what help we could to our needy patients. We outfitted many of our new-born babies, and helped several needy families, who were not patients, with clothing. We extend sincere thanks to the Presbyterials for their kindness, and help to us in the past year."

Residences

"YOUR parcel of lovely Christmas gifts came two days ago. Thank you very much. Now we shall have the pleasure of sorting them all out and planning to whom each one will be given. The children are looking forward to their Christmas tree already."

Indian Schools

"THE bales of clothing arrived safely and everything was in perfect condition. I would like my thanks extended to the Auxiliaries who contributed so generously to keep our children well clad. There were some special gifts in one bale, fancy center pieces, pillow slips, crochet ends, etc., which are very beautiful. Others have put in special gifts for which I send personal thanks. There certainly comes a great joy into my heart when I open these bales and see what a loving interest our ladies of the W.M.S. take in our work."

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"THE bales have been received in splendid condition and the clothing has been such as will be very useful in our work."

Deaconess Work

"IT is several years since I unpacked my first W.M.S. bale, but last week I had several thrills while unpacking your latest to me. Santa surely told you what to send us. When I exclaimed over some of the dainty baby garments one lady remarked, 'Of course that is one place where you must not give too much encouragement.' But babies come along and one is thankful to be able to help the mothers keep their babies comfortable and dainty. More thanks than I can say from mothers, babies, Santa and all."

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"THE goodly bale is here. What a joyous thrill was mine as I unpacked it yesterday afternoon. 'Many women have done wonderfully for this Mission but your bale excellest them all.' And why? Because it meets the need in helping to keep the bodies warm for days ahead. Tomorrow the mothers will be here to choose the needful for themselves and their children, and a small value on an article will prevent any one appropriating more than is needed. I used to make up a parcel for each family, but the limited supply will not admit of that. But the really needy will not be overlooked. Should there still be a shortage any value received can be used to make that good, by either purchasing garments or material to be made up."

Never before had we such a supply of Christmas presents all wrapped ready to be named and distributed from the Christmas tree according to merit. Between the cradle roll and Sunday School there are upwards of 80 children, and there are gifts enough for all.

The self-denial manifested in providing these gifts is beyond all praise and it speaks well for the future of our Church. May the blessings of Him who said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least . . . . ye have done it unto me,' rest upon every heart.''

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''THE lovely clothing and quilts were a wonderful help to me as they came in just at the time I was planning for Christmas gifts for the children of our Sunday School. We always try to give each child something to wear, so you will understand it is quite a task to get clothing to fit children of different ages. I only wish I could find words to tell you how much it means to the workers in the Mission to have a band of noble women always ready to help us in our work for the Master.''

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''THANKS very much for your wonderful bales, so many people will feel cosy and take fresh courage when they know how others share their burdens. Sympathy and love are stitched into the making of such lovely garments. Jam and jelly were so acceptable for the sick ones.''

Chinese

The story of how Santa Claus visited the Chinese children will be found in the February *Glad Tidings,* page 79.

Mission Fields

''I CANNOT express to you our appreciation of the kindness of the ladies who made up all those beautiful quilts and provided all those articles of clothing. There was such an immediate need that within two weeks practically everything was in use and I am sure it brought much Christmas cheer and happiness and comfort to many homes. There are many children now attending Sunday School who otherwise would have had to stay home all winter, and many adults have also been able to attend services.

Scores of families have come in from the dried out districts, attracted no doubt by the abundance of firewood and wild game. They have gone out in the woods and put up pitiable little log shacks and how they manage to live is a mystery. Moose meat and blueberries have saved many from starvation.

Dr. Margaret Strang Savage at the Manse Door

This used to be a prosperous lumbering district but the last few years have brought nearly everyone to the verge of poverty. There are about 800 people in the village. Last year the Nazarines commenced services here and the Church of England minister visits here once a month, otherwise we have the place to ourselves. There are two country appointments being supplied, and there are several school districts that should have services if it were possible to supply them. A deaconess could do splendid service to our church around this district during the summer months.

We have a very nice church seating about 200 people and a comfortable 4 room manse, both badly in need of paint but answering the purpose in these hard times. Our Sunday School has grown from 23 to 60 and I am confident that before next summer we will have near the hundred mark. The church congregations have also trebled in numbers, and we will be disappointed if the church is not filled to capacity every Sunday before the winter is over.

Please convey to your ladies the thanks of this district for all their kindness. Speaking for my wife and myself these bales of clothing have added much joy to our work. There is nothing in the life of a missionary quite so heart-breaking as to have to visit desolate and needy homes and not be able to give a little help. Your kindness has changed all this and tears have been changed to smiles, and I am sure our people here realize as never before that there is something real in Christianity.''

Miss Grigor's First Congregation at Heart Valley, Alta.

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''IT was so good of you to remember us again with such a generous and lovely bale of clothing and Christmas gifts and many thanks for the splendid shawls. We are always so glad to see the baby things, and I am so very grateful for the Christmas presents for our Sunday School Christmas tree, with so many lovely dolls; everything is lovely.''

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''THE bale was very fine indeed and filled a great need here. I was so pleased to have something for a young woman who is struggling along trying to do the best for her family and very little encouragement in her great task.''

"I DO not know how to thank you for sending such wonderful things to this north country. You sent the things we needed most, the men's socks, underwear, quilts, sweaters, mittens and yarn were doubly welcome as it is very cold up here. If you could only see how the people live and the little they have to live on, you would say that your work was well worth while. If you could see the happy faces when they receive the clothing, it would do your heart good. These people do appreciate your kindness to them. I do not know how some of them would get along through the severe winter weather without the clothes the dear missionary women send them. Will you give the old lady who knitted the bed socks, a hug and kiss for me, they will be used as a Christmas gift for a needy person."

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"THE baby clothes have been sorely needed. There was a family burnt out last week, they lost clothing, home and everything. The Christmas toys and stockings will mean a great deal to our people."

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"A LETTER of thanks from a very thankful people. I wish you could realize what your gifts have meant to these homes—comfort given to those who were so discouraged and cold. In many homes where there were sick children the scrap books brought great cheer, and enjoyment. In many of our homes there is not enough clothing to keep the people warm."

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"I SEND my sincere thanks to all the kind missionary workers who make up the contents of these wonderful bales. I assure you we make use of everything we receive. The dolls and Christmas stockings are reserved for the Christmas tree. The quilts, clothing and baby clothes brought comfort to many homes."

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"MANY thanks for the boxes of clothing which have arrived in such good condition. Words fail me to express how much they are appreciated and valued by the folks here. Everything you sent is valuable and will be used. The weather is very cold and one needs lots of clothing."

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"WE are most grateful for the splendid bales and will be able to make good use of the contents, for the need is very great."

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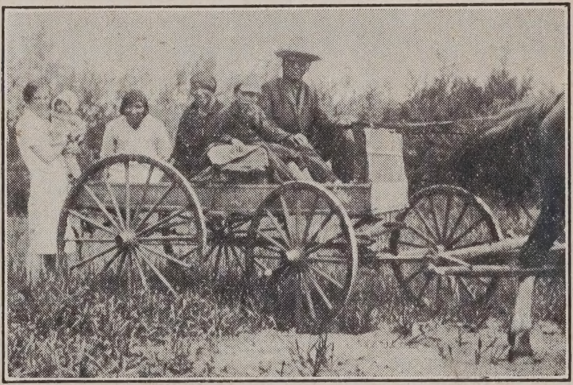
"THANKS again and again for the loving thought for our needy ones. I was so delighted to receive your letter, and the bales. The things are lovely. They arrived Friday and that evening I sent two quilts and white spread, khaki shirt and overalls to a home where there are six little children just recovering from a bad case of whooping cough. I called to see the mother and the little things were without shoes and stockings and most of the other articles of clothing. There were only two beds as they hadn't enough covers for more. So you see the good work started just as soon as the parcels were received.

On Saturday, I sent three quilts to the church for the pastor and children. The mother has gone on, and the living quarters are cold. I also sent one pair of stockings and will make down a dress for the little girl as soon as I have time. An old man living alone gets the heavy wool socks and one quilt. Then a father, mother and four children living on the prairie, in two rooms, who are in desperate need, get two quilts, a little dress and coat, and a few other things. You will think I am writing too much or too long, but I want you good friends to know just where your work goes, also how very much the gifts are enjoyed, and when you lie down to your rest, think how many little ones are resting because of your thought. Again I thank you in the name of the Master, who has said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me'.''



An old medicine man, his daughter, her children, and the missionary.

Indian Reserves

''VERY many thanks for the quilts, which arrived in time for our Christmas tree. I was able to give a quilt to each dear old lady, besides one to each home, so they were all made happy. Thanks, too, for the pillows, which, like the quilts, came at the right time. Just the day before I had taken a pillow from one of our own beds for the use of a little boy with tuberculosis who required another one to make him really comfortable.

Our Christmas tree was a great success. The young people gave a very nice concert. The Councillor read the Christmas story, St. Luke 2: 8-20, in Cree, then several Christmas hymns were sung in Cree, including 'While Shepherds Watched', for the benefit of our old people who do not understand English. Our W.M.S. friends have been very kind to us this year. There were presents of clothing for everyone, toys and picture books for the children and they all went home, happy and satisfied with their gifts. Once again, I do thank you for your kindness to us.''

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''EVERY article was most welcome and will be put to the best possible use. Thank you, too, for the made-up articles and the flannelette. The striped material we are making up into little shirts or vests to wear along with the little knickers you have sent, and please do thank the ladies for their donation to my button-box. Now, I don't have to look at the women and shake my head when they ask for a button to replace a safety pin that is holding together some garment or other. I bring out the button-box and how they do enjoy hunting out a suitable button and sure enough there are at least two or three articles at home requiring buttons and 'may they pick out a few more.' A man will come in with a nail driven through a button hole. I give him a button and say, 'Tell your wife to stitch it on'.

Thanks, too, for the quilts of which we never seem to have too many. I think the Indians depend almost entirely on the W.M.S. for their bedding which consists of quilts alone, with the exception of one grey blanket which the Indian Department present to each old woman, once a year, and each 'Baby Bunting' has to be wrapped in its quilt when it is taken out during the winter and when the weather is bitterly cold two are required, and when a woman has three small children to be wrapped up, well, there is not much left on the beds. So we do thank you greatly for the quilts, especially the dark ones which are the most serviceable for the Indians.

We have a work meeting every Thursday afternoon. The women knit into mitts for the men the strong grey yarn we have had sent to us, and re-model garments. One woman is kept busy at the sewing machine while the rest are doing work that can be done by hand. We are a very busy crowd I can assure you and each woman brings one or more youngsters with her. At our last meeting there were seven women and thirteen children varying in size from tiny babies in moss bags to six-year-olds. We are delighted, too, with the gifts for our Christmas tree, which is quite an event. Our younger Indians are busy preparing a concert programme.''

"TO say that we were delighted and pleased when we opened the bale is very inadequate. There will be quite a number of thankful and happy people here when they receive your gifts. We have about 200 souls to care for, old and young, and the distress is terrible. Last winter we sent in a special appeal for help. So many were going around with practically bare feet and ragged coats, etc. Thanks to the W.M.S. we were enabled to help. What the poor things will do this winter is hard to say, with the price of hay away down, some haul hay from 6 to 10 miles and then get $1.50 or at most $2.00 a load, and a cord of poplar wood about $1.00 or in some cases only 50c. and 75c., and so, though they work and try to gain a livelihood, it is oftentimes hard to get enough to eat. Last winter I found a family eating dry bannock and drinking tea without either sugar or milk, and the tea was made from leaves which they had gathered some miles from here.

Mrs. —— has a W.M.S. here and great interest is shown in the work, although the people are so very poor and in great need of quilts and clothing, these poor women got together and made a quilt and sent it to our Presbyterial Supply Secretary and asked that it be sent to Mistawasis Reserve for use in a sick case. Whilst this quilt was in making, we heard that one of the women who worked so willingly on the quilt had recently been washing her bedding and two of her quilts had fallen to pieces, but no word of complaint did she make; all she said was, 'when the bales come in, will you give me a quilt?' Please thank the W.M.S. for their kindness and pray that our work here may result in many knowing Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord."

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"WE do so want to thank the W.M.S. for the wonderful bale you sent. Just think of a man and wife and three boys and a girl and all the bedding they had was four quilts and one blanket, no sheets, etc."

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"THE bales were full of just the things needed and how many people said 'thank you'! I am sure that had you been here you would have been delighted to have seen the look of happiness that came to the faces of these poor people. The people are beginning to understand that the W.M.S. is a wonderful Society."

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"WORDS fail me to express the thanks due the women for such beautiful bales. Everything was in perfect condition. I can scarcely express the joy that comes to the missionaries to receive such bales, for we see that our people will be well provided for. I send personal thanks for the box marked for the 'missionary's wife'. Just imagine the joy at Christmas time when the children receive the dolls you have sent as well as many other things to brighten the lives of the little ones."

Remembering New Settlers

PRIOR to the Christmas season, the Committee administering the Relief Land Settlement Plan asked our Women's Missionary Society if they would provide Christmas parcels for thirty-five Presbyterian families located in Northern Ontario. The W.M.S. gladly consented, and became responsible for twenty-two, the remaining thirteen being assigned to the I.O.D.E. who had asked us for the names of some Presbyterian families to whom they could send Christmas parcels.

The Secretary of the Minister and Committee administering the Relief Land Settlement Plan, in an official letter of thanks to our W.M.S. for their contribution, said:

"Let me assure you that the majority of these families are making a real effort to re-establish themselves as producing citizens and we are now hopeful that much more than 50 per cent. of them will require no further relief after this coming crop is harvested. . . . It is our belief that the effort is well worth while, especially when one considers that those who persevere will eventually own a farm which will support the settler, his wife and his family."

The following letters from the settlers themselves express their appreciation of this gesture of kindness on the part of missionary and patriotic women.

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"WE send our many thanks to you all for the bundle which we received. Everything was beautiful and the underwear and stockings were a Godsend, as we did not know how we were going to get more and our others were very nearly gone. The children were very pleased indeed with their toys and sacks of candy."

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"WE got the parcel sewed in bagging and a box of canned goods. I do not know how to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. The quilts are lovely and all the underwear fits real well. It is all the underwear that our family got this year. I have none as yet but can manage. Our children have not been able to go to school because they have no stockings or foot wear. I wanted to get elk moccasins and low rubbers with home knit woollen socks which I could make if I had yarn. But we have road work now at $1.20 per day and board oneself, so there is nothing for clothing a family of nine."

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"WE have some awful weather. The thermometer registered as high as it would stand and then broke. We judge it was about 70 below zero that day. Everything you sent us was just fine and thank you ever so much for same. Also pass along my thanks to whoever sends the Sunday School papers. We all enjoy the good reading, especially the examples in them.''

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''THIS is just a few lines to acknowledge the parcel sent us and to say most heartily—'We thank you all.' It surely brightened our Christmas to see the children's eyes when they saw their gifts. We have four children a girl 5, a boy 3, a girl 2, and a girl 5 months. It is a problem, but they are worth more than gold to us.''

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''WE received your parcel for Christmas and I don't know how to thank you for same. You don't know how much we appreciate it away up here. We are 25 miles from town and it is very lonely. We have no Church or Sunday School but we like it up here and try to make the best of it. We only came up this summer so we certainly were pleased some one remembered us.''

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''WE received your Christmas parcel and I would like you to convey our thanks to the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church for their kind thought in helping to make our Christmas a happy one up here. Every article was very acceptable and we sincerely appreciated them, especially the warm underclothing as we have had extremely cold weather, temperatures being around 50 below zero.''

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''WE received the Christmas parcel O.K. and we are very thankful for it. The underwear fits the kiddies just right and was what they needed more than anything else as they did not have any. I am glad Christmas came before the real cold snap as last week it was 50 and 55 below zero so the underwear was a real help. Last spring we had hopes of having enough potatoes and vegetables to trade for clothes but the land was poor as it needed fertilizer of which we had none. Then the frost froze nearly everything so we did not have much for ourselves. To make everything worse all our potatoes froze solid and now just two weeks ago our horse died from pleurisy so we feel pretty blue as we are worse off now than we were a year ago for then prices were cheaper and we did not have to buy milk for a wee babe. We also have that, as our cow has gone dry till the end of March. With all our troubles I would not go back S. as we like the country and things won't always be so dark. We may be downhearted now but we are not beat and if we can help it we won't be. Thanks ever so much for the parcel.''

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''DEAR friends you certainly made one more family have a very merry Christmas. We all thank you very much for the bundle we received. We are just starting a new home in the woods. I came up here last June and built our log house and the wife and family came in October of this year. Thank you again.''

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''HEARTY thanks to you and your friends for the Christmas parcel you sent us. Everything is very useful and we appreciate it. The two quilts are lovely also the underwear. I fitted the sweater and bootees on baby. They fit him fine and he looks cute in them. He is just three months old past.''

Message from the Tamsui Church

To the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Tamsui, Taiwan,
December 12th, 1933.

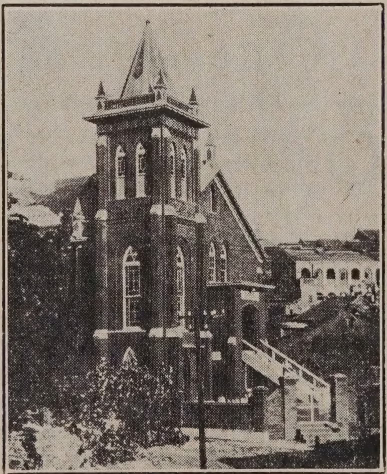
To our sisters in Christ of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, greetings.

FIVE years ago we planned to erect a Church more suitable for our use than the building we then had. From the love of Christ in your hearts we received a grant-in-aid to the amount of *Yen* 1,526.00 for the purpose of erecting a North Formosa Sixty Years Anniversary Memorial Church. We at the present time write this letter to convey to you our sincerest thanks.

On the 28th of November this year we held the official Church opening to give thanks to God. On that day more than 200 members together with students of the four schools, nearly 400 people in all, attended the opening service. It was a great day.

The work of constructing this building took nearly a year. It is built of red brick throughout. The masonry and carpentry work is well done. The church itself and furnishings cost *Yen* 14,283.50. Your grant-in-aid was applied to this expense.

The church auditorium is quite suitable, roomy; in summer we think it will be quite cool. There is a gallery in it to provide for



Tamsui Jubilee Church, Dedicated November 28, 1933.

extra accommodation. In the basement there are rooms for Sunday School class rooms. The children are very happy about this. In the wall of the church auditorium there is set a stone tablet to serve as a memorial, the words carved there are as follows:

> On the 9th of March, 1872, Dr. George Leslie Mackay, Missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada landed in Tamsui. He worked for the establishing of the church till 1873, the end of February, when he baptized five persons. These were Giam Cheng-hoa, Go Khoan-ju, Lim Poe, Lim Giet, Ong Tiong-chui. At first his adherents were few, but gradually the number became greater and greater. In, as it were, but a short time more than 60 years have passed. It is to commemorate this that we the Tamsui congregation ourselves contributed money and also appealed through the Presbytery to the Presbyterian Church in North Formosa for subscriptions. We also appealed to the Mother Church in Canada to put up an Anniversary Memorial Church that would establish an everlasting memory. This stone is set here to inscribe these facts. A.D. 1932 (poetic character meaning 11th month) 18th day.
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> Erected by the Tamsui Presbyterian Church.

We hope you will remember us in prayer that this congregation may prosper and that we may grow and develop in grace.

The grace of our Lord be ever with you,

Greetings,

The session and managers of
the Tamsui Congregation.

Note: Our readers will remember that our Women's Missionary Society gave a grant of $500 to this Church, in memory of the late Dr. George Leslie Mackay and because this was the Church where the pupils at our Girls' and Women's Schools attend.—Editor.

A Missionary on Furlough Writes

Dear Friends in the Women's Missionary Society:

ONCE a child was asked what she would like to be when she became a woman. The prompt reply was, ''A returned missionary''. That child had vision, for from the experience of the last few months, I have learned that a missionary home from a far away field receives kindness and consideration far more than is due her, for, after all, we are all co-workers in the harvest field of Our Lord, whether here at home or in the foreign field.

So I take this opportunity to thank every person who has helped make my journey across Canada so delightful. I shall not soon forget those who met the trains in the wee small hours of the night, drove me around in ''Presbyterian cars'', washed my clothes, to say nothing of lending me warm clothes, prepared my meals, even meeting my train as it passed through a town and supplying me with a thermos of hot soup. The warm welcomes received in the cozy homes of the prairies will ''flash upon my inward eye'' many times in the future, and the inspiration which came by contact with the faithful, sacrificing, broad-visioned women in every province visited will be a great encouragement for if such women are upholding the workers and the work in Formosa in prayer before the Lord of the harvest field, great results will come.

We, on the field, shall be remembering you too and may our mutual prayer be:

"Shine Thou upon us, Lord,
True Light of men, to-day;
And through the written Word
Thy very Self display;
That so from hearts which burn
With gazing on Thy face,
The little ones may learn
The wonders of Thy Grace.

"Breathe Thou upon us, Lord,
Thy Spirit's living flame,
That so with one accord
Our lips may tell Thy Name;
Give Thou the hearing ear,
Fix Thou the wandering thought
That those we teach may hear
The great things Thou hast
wrought.

"Speak Thou for us, O Lord,
In all we say of Thee;
According to Thy Word
Let all our teaching be;
That so Thy lambs may know
Their own true Shepherd's voice
Where'er He leads them go,
And in His love rejoice.

"Live Thou within us, Lord,
Thy mind and will be ours;
Be Thou beloved, adored,
And served, with all our powers
That so our lives may teach
Thy children what Thou art,
And plead, by more than speech
For Thee with every heart."

Your friend,
Alma M. Burdick.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

A NUMBER of members have written to say they have finished the Study Book, and wish supplementary reading until the new one is ready in September. We would recommend the following as splendid for either group study or information generally.

BUILDING ON SAND, a Christian searchlight upon the Bases of our Economic Life by Malcolm Spencer, in paper 35c.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER AND READER, contains splendid articles on missionary work for papers, and also recitations—50c.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD TO-DAY is a study of Christian missions by the master writers of to-day. It is the finest summing up of conditions one could find, and, though expensive, it might be purchased by groups for circulation reading. Price $1.50.

Easter Reading

GOD AND MY GARDEN is a little gem of a book, by Margaret Sangster. All who love flowers, who love sunshine, and who see God in nature should read it. Price bound in green cloth, $1.00.

THE EASTER TIDINGS, a leaflet in the form of verse, price 5c.

SHUT IN BUT NOT SHUT OUT is a splendid little story for Home Helpers, price 2c. each.

Easter Programme Material

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL? An entertainment for children five to ten years. Requires, two as violets, two crocuses, two robins, two bunnies, four lily spirits, five children from other lands and ten or more Canadian children. Price 20c. per copy.

EASTER JOYBELLS, a programme of choruses with readings and recitations in between. Price per copy 15c.

THE EASTER GUEST, a programme in song and story for a large or medium size group. Price 40c. per copy with music.

AND HOW MUCH OWEST THOU? A splendid new free leaflet. As many as you wish may be had for postage only. This is on tithing, and is written by one of our devoted members.

Will Literature Secretaries please order their material for a literature display for the sectional meetings, in plenty of time, and give clear instructions as to the Church or address to which it should go. Order from your Provincial Secretary, except those in Ontario, who will send to Mrs. L. Ballantyne, W.M.S. Office, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2.

OUR LETTER BOX

Girl Guiding in India

BEFORE I came out to do district work I had two weeks in a guide camp in Lahore. Our girls are doing very well in guiding and are so interested. I felt they needed a little encouragement and as I know nothing of guiding I thought I would go and learn and I did. There were about 140 from all parts of India there, maybe 30 of them being Europeans and I think 40 per cent. were Christian. It was very different from the usual missionary life but I think it did me a lot of good and certainly gave me an insight into guiding. I am quite an enthusiast but I won't be able to put any of it into practice until after Christmas but then I hope to be of some help in this line too.—*Catherine Moodie.*

Village Work in India

THIS week I am out in the village with Dr. Thurrott. We are camped at a place right out in the jungle. Last night the jackals wakened us twice, howling just outside the tent, but we soon went to sleep again.

This morning Dr. Thurrott and Tidjia Bai went to the village. One woman came and watched me write for a few minutes. She decided it would be much easier than working in the fields. Then she wanted medicine for her eyes. No, she didn't have sore eyes, but she just wondered what it would feel like.

I stopped this letter this afternoon to help Dr. Thurrott make stocking shirts. A new baby arrived in the village last night. The father attended the meeting in the village and asked the doctor to bless the baby. She had special prayer for the child, and prayed that he would grow up to worship the true God. The heathen father was very pleased and seemed to think that was the greatest blessing of all for his child. This afternoon we made a couple of shirts for the baby. I told Dr. Thurrott we had done what no one else had, we made two little shirts out of one pair of old stockings. Indian babies are so tiny they do not need very large clothes.

Miss Simpson and the village school where she went every week to teach the gospel.

In a very few minutes it will be dark. The darkness comes so quickly in the East. On all sides of us, the village people are hurrying home from the fields, most of them with huge bundles of grass on their heads. After our evening meal we shall start out for the village again. It is a busy time for the people, and it is difficult to get a crowd. They are busy in the fields or at the threshing floors. Even at night some of them keep watch to see that neither thieves nor animals steal the grain from the threshing floors.

The grain is ground and threshed just as it used to be in Bible times. We read of the threshing floors in the Old Testament. Here one caste group will grind their grain together. Outside the village they make a place in the field. The earth is packed down and prepared till it is hard and firm. Then the grain is placed in the centre and the oxen are driven round and round over it to beat out the wheat grains. Afterwards they clean it by pouring it from a height out of a huge scoop, made of reeds. The wind blows away the chaff and the wheat remains. It is a primitive method as are all their farming methods.

Now again I must stop until the lights come. It is so dark I cannot see what I am writing. The lantern has arrived so I can begin again.

Work in the school goes on as usual. Our Christmas programme was different this year. The boys put on a drama entitled ''The Search for the Star.'' The girls gave a Star Drill and songs between acts. Most of the songs were sung by both boys and girls. This was the first time we had a joint programme, but there is no reason why it should not be a success. I was told it was contrary to Hindustani customs, but I felt it was time our Christians broke away from those old customs.—*Irene Stringer.*

Our First Message from Dr. Thurrott

I AM now at Mawai, about twelve miles north-east of Jhansi, on a very good road and about five miles across country from Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin.

I have been to several of the villages round about but it is a very busy time of year as they are planting their winter wheat and cutting their crops which were put in at the beginning of the rains (July). One man from this village seems very much interested and I hope and pray he may have the grace given him to come out and out for Christ. He is 22 years old, of the weaver caste, but makes his living buying and selling goats, sheep, oxen, etc., buying in the nearby village and selling in Jhansi; also as a money lender. His father and elder brother are dead so he is the head of his house which would make it easier for him to take a stand for Christ. He seems to drink in the Gospel so pray he may truly be converted. Their old religion is such a half-hearted thing—just do as the priest says affair—that it is hard for them to understand what surrender to Christ means.—*Elizabeth Thurrott.*

Happy to be in India Again

IT is lovely to be back in India again, and to be meeting so many of my old village friends. They appear very pleased to have me back, but I think I am even more pleased to be among them once more. Yes I, too, hope that I may see fruit, and that it may be abiding. All I can do is work and pray, especially pray and have faith that He will water the seed, and that it may bring forth fruit unto Him. I am nothing, it is only as His spirit works through me that I can accomplish anything. It is not my work, or our work, it is His, and we are His servants. It helps beyond words to go home, and come back knowing our people are upholding us in prayer.—*Annie L. Whatling.*

Glimpses of Work in Formosa

THIS afternoon I took two of the nurses over to the leprosy colony. The car was going to fetch my husband home so we squeezed ourselves in between a memorial slab which is inscribed and is to be placed over the door of the operating room. The floor of the car was piled up with iron bolts. However, the sun was shining and the rice fields looked so pretty, some ready for harvest, others already harvested and the oranges thick on the trees. We went by the new road opposite Tamsui, along by the river side, it is shorter, the return journey only took 55 minutes.

The hospital is busy as usual, we have 5 baby boys all born there, and they look such darlings.

In March, the new Church in Tamsui, erected to mark the Jubilee, is to be opened. It is a beautiful church with a turret at the side and lots of colored glass in the windows, a gallery at the back, where all the school girls can sit if necessary. It is a large building for the pupils from the schools attend Sunday services there. The village congregation is quite small.

Last Thursday we had a big wedding at Daitotei Church, one of the pastor's daughters marrying a new Christian from Gî-lân. She has been one of the kindergarten teachers for many years. They had a big feast at an hotel in the evening, about 180 guests were present.

Another Buddhist priest has just been converted, and left the monastery where he taught. He is in the Theological College for a time studying the Scriptures, and in close contact with the Christians. We believe he will be a great influence for good when he understands more of the gospel.

I still teach the college boys music.

We were so disappointed that the lady doctor did not accept, and are still praying that some one whose life is consecrated to the foreign work may come forward.—*Mrs. Gushue-Taylor.*

Problems of Youth

THE calendar tells us that one month from to-day is Christmas. Other reminders are evident; the poinsettas are beginning to bloom, and last night, coming back from the city we spied the first holly of the season in a florist's window—not the artificial kind, but fresh mountain plants with clusters of scarlet berries. I wanted to carry some home but feared the consequences of getting the Christmas spirit too far in advance.

This has been a full and happy year for us all. It was difficult at first to find our place after some time spent in Canada; we got out of step, as it were, but we are again in the midst of a full programme of activities, with every spare moment spent in studying Chinese and Japanese.

My major work has been the children's education. My husband gives considerable time to them, too. Every time I am inclined to feel discouraged I remind myself of the rare opportunity of having our children truly our own for these few years.

I have a group of young educated girls in their teens or early twenties and am giving them a course on preparation for marriage. The majority are engaged to be married; their fiances are now studying in colleges in Japan proper. They themselves are teachers. It has been most interesting to get a glimpse into the lives and thought of these young girls. It enables one to understand the problems of youth here.

Another group, equally interesting, is that of about fifteen well-educated wealthy, non-Christian women. A young Christian woman, mother of six children, herself well-educated, speaking Formosan, Japanese, Mandarin and English, has gathered a group of her non-Christian friends around her. They were attracted to her no doubt in the first place. My husband and I were invited to come to one meeting. My husband was asked to lead a discussion on ''The Relation of the Home to Society.'' That was the beginning of a fine friendship with the group and since then I have met with them often, sometimes in our home. Just last week I spent a whole day with them. They chartered a bus and we drove fifty miles to a famous monastery spending a most happy and profitable day together. Contact with this group promises to be of great value to me. To get to know intimately a group of women who can talk intelligently on any subject, and who are truly interested in the world about them is a rare treat in this land.—*Mrs. Hugh MacMillan.*

The Auxiliary Prayer Service Appreciated

Birtle, Man.

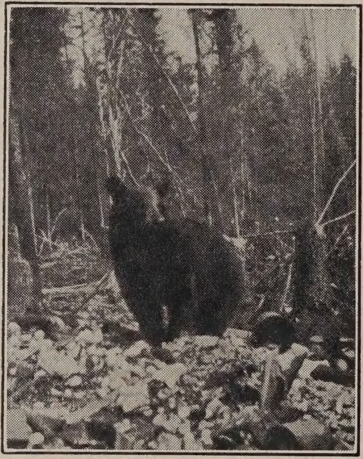
''WE thought you might be interested to know how much we appreciated the beautiful service for the New Year that we found in the December *Glad Tidings.* We were invited to hold our W.M.S. meeting at the Indian Residential School and that marked it as a very special meeting as it was the first time such an invitation has been given. There were 17 present, we took the whole programme and a reading and solo. Our Secretary reported that she had 14 orders for *Glad Tidings,* and 4 new members joined, so we began well and hope we shall do as well throughout the year. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart are a great help in all the Church work.''

—(Mrs. Harry) M. M. White.

Literature for Men in Construction Camps

Camp Chaplain, Raith, Ont.

TO-DAY it is 56 below zero here. It is even cold in our huts. The wind is just driving the cold in. Many thanks for the calendars, they will prove most useful. I visit the construction camps daily, walking from 6 to 18 miles to each camp. The 3,000 men in the 24 camps which I visit have had a good Christmas. All sang at the table ''Praise God from whom all blessings flow'', and then thoroughly enjoyed a splendid meal—roast turkey, cranberry sauce, potatoes and gravy, mince pies, pudding, apples, oranges, candies, coffee and tea. The services are well attended, from 80 to 95 being present at most of the services. Gospel literature is given to men in every hut. Many sacred songs are sung and a brief Gospel message given. I have walked 450 miles since November preaching the good news to men and have also visited 8 schools and many settlers' homes. I can use much more Gospel literature for these men. It helps to pass the long winter nights.



Friend Bruin

The picture shows a 300 pound bear who was fifteen yards from the hut, just before the snow came. He is seen eating scraps thrown from our camp tables. He was afterwards shot. We all felt we would not care to meet him in the dark. I trust many friends will post on to me Gospel papers and magazines for men. I have given 800 Gospels away in 8 languages, so we have an opportunity to do real foreign mission work at our very doors.

Pray for your sky pilot on the long trail of 150 miles.

—*(Rev.) William Bilton.*

Making an Opportunity to Pray

IN the Korean cafes a large number of girls and young women are employed. We were fortunate enough to get into one and the owner's wife received us quite kindly, even supplying us with coffee and cake. The Bible woman, of course, took the opportunity of preaching salvation and we had prayer. I shall never forget the way she went about making the opportunity to pray. She said, ''When a host or hostess gives us a glass of water, we thank him or her, Our Heavenly Father was the real giver of this food (coffee and cake), let us thank Him.'' I would not attempt to translate her prayer, but you can easily guess its sincerity. We pray that God will use her mightily among the many girls in the cafes.

Sunday was a very busy day. Service at Shimonoseki in the morning, then on to Ube, one hour distant, for the Communion service. Before the Communion 6 adults were baptized and received into the Church, 2 others answered the required questions and were enrolled as catechumens and in six months will be baptized if they study faithfully in the meantime. The group was only organized within the last 8 months and is a most promising one. There were more than 50 at the service and most of these were women. We were back to Shimonoseki for evening service which was followed by W.M.S., and so ended a busy day. Mrs. Oh, Pastor Oh's wife, is President of the W.M.S. and conducted the meeting beautifully in her quiet way. She is organist in the Church and is a fine assistant for Pastor Oh.

Last year the Osaka Church was a miserable, small dark building with not a bright spot in it; the children did not behave well nor was cleanliness a thing to be noticed. This year the Church is larger, brighter and in a quieter place, and there is a small playground, the children are clean and exceptionally well behaved. This is the slum district of Osaka so our Church and these children are really a light shining in the darkness.

Last Sunday I was at a W.M.S. meeting at Maribe and we had a very fine meeting with 16 women present, 3 of them were new members who, without any persuasion on our part, announced that they wanted to join. At the end of the meeting, when the Treasurer gave the report, I was genuinely surprised, for the Society which was only organized at the end of January, had, up to October 1st, raised about $25.00. Think of the sacrifice that meant. Besides 10 sen a month offering, the women each day before cooking their rice put a spoonful aside into a little bag and, on Sunday, they take the bag to church and empty it into a box. Later on the rice is sold and the money goes into the W.M.S. treasury. You will realize that this means sacrifice, for rice is never too plentiful in a Korean home.—*Jean MacLean, Kobe, Japan.*

"THE children are back in Sunday School. We still have 25 to 40. We have the Boy Scouts one evening every week. Last night we had a party for them. The women provided home-made doughnuts and other cakes and we served tea. Twenty boys and five mothers were present, though it was a bitterly cold night.

Our W.M.S. work is progressing. Even those women are coming who could not be kept interested in other activities. I am careful to keep this interest alive and try to arrange good addresses or lectures. We have the sympathy of the W.M.S. in the city and several visitors have come from other churches to address our meetings.

The Ladies' Aid arranged an attractive little bazaar. We had many gifts from local stores but the most popular were the home made cakes, pickles and canned fruit and the lovely children's dresses embroidered by the women. We made $35.

I was asked by two churches to speak about our work. It may be interesting to you to know that we are opening a new field at Delhi, where many Hungarians are settled.''—*Rose P. Kovacs, Hamilton.*

YOUNG WOMEN

''He looked in pity on a hungering world
And humbly brought his little store of bread;
The Master took and blessed it,
And behold, a multitude was fed!''
—Dwight L. Moody.

THE study course outlined for this year in ''The Seven Seas of Service'', contrasts our work in Eastern countries with that being done in Canada. If a definite aim of discussion is kept in view when planning our programmes, they will prove more interesting. All leaders dread that silence which usually follows the announcement that ''a discussion will now take place.'' To stimulate discussion, the leader may guide the members by asking a few questions: How can ordinary people at home and abroad help to promote inter-racial friendship? How do the standards of life for women of the East differ from our own?

Be on the look-out for newspaper and magazine articles or pictures which will help to bring your subject up to date. Seek a practical application of your study, by relating it to everyday life.

It is perhaps more important to-day than ever before that we should know something of what is happening in other lands. The study of these world-wide problems supplies us with many motives for Christian service.

Help Us to Help You

It is the aim of this little page, to aid you in planning your programme, to give you now and again a timely message, and to pass on helpful suggestions that others have found practical. Is the page proving of help to you? Have you any concrete suggestions about how this page might be of more assistance to you? Help us to help you. We want to make the best possible use of this space. —*Fergie D. Holman.*

Prayer

OUR Father Who art in heaven, teach us how to pray, and grant that our petitions may be in accordance with Thy will. We thank Thee for Thy great goodness to us, for health and strength and work to do, for courage in the face of failure, and delight when our efforts have been successful. Purge our service of any selfish motives or personal ambition. May our one desire be to serve Thee and advance Thy Kingdom. Guide, we beseech Thee, all those who have the responsibility of planning for Presbyterial, Provincial and Council meetings. May they be given a vision of the world mission of Thy Church and may they lead the members into larger service. We would give Thee most humble thanks for all who have faithfully upheld Thy work with their prayers, their work and their gifts of money. Thou, Who standest over against the Treasury knowest what each offering meant and who merited Thy ''well done''. May none of us have withheld when we might have given. Remember in pity the poor, the neglected, and the lonely. Relieve, we pray Thee, the sick and suffering, and comfort those who mourn. May the spirit of peace be in all hearts and prevail among the nations of the earth. In all our service let us never forget Thy limitless power, forgive us for our slowness in making use of that power in our life and work. Help us to do more constructive thinking and more earnest work. Prevent us from wasting time. Bless our beloved missionaries at home and overseas, may they always be conscious of Thy presence and help. We thank Thee for Miss McConnell, Miss Burdick and Miss Adams, now on furlough, and for their messages and inspiration. Hear and answer these petitions for we ask them in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

''WE must spend more time on our knees if we would reach the heart and arm that can move the world. O, that our Church would spend more time in prayer, for there is nothing that God cannot do for us through importunate, believing prayer. Sometimes I am afraid that in erecting the structure which is to build up the Kingdom of God on earth, we are trying to put on the roof before we build the foundation. If we build up the spiritual life of the Church, the liberal life will follow just as sure as light appears when the sun rises.'' —*Rev. Clement Upham.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

ROBIN HOODS IN INDIA

UNDER the greenwood trees of the beautiful Bhil country, many an able archer takes aim with quite as marked success as did Robin Hood and his merry men in the forests of old England. The following extract from a letter written by Miss Iris Errey, Reg.N., to Mrs. McMurrich, Secretary for India on the Council Executive of our W.M.S., describes an incident with a bow and arrow when the target seemed to have friendship for a bull's eye. The same letter tells also about an official visit to Amkhut. Besides providing interesting items for your March programme, what about following the Bhil practice of archery for your recreation period? If regular bows and arrows are not possible, procure darts from the ''Five and Ten'' at the price of five cents each and make your own target which might take the shape of a shamrock in honor of this, St. Patrick's month.

''Yesterday after breakfast, Miss Williamson, Miss Sherrick and myself went to visit Miss Maxwell who is camping about ten miles from here. We took out some drinking water to her, also some tomatoes out of the garden here. Miss Maxwell and her three women were sitting out under a big shady tree having a little service. She is camped very near to the road and each day a large number of carts pass that way. Some days a whole line of carts will stop and the men will come over to Miss Maxwell's camp, maybe out of curiosity they stop, but none get away without hearing the gospel. Right across the road from her camp there is a little Bhil house in which a witch doctor lives, with his wife and three or four kiddies. He is more friendly than his wife and Miss Maxwell said he comes over very often with the children and listens to their singing and the Gospel. One day he was performing some of his doctoring on a man and at the same time was telling 'his patient' some of the things he had heard over at the camp. Once when we were there we were eating our tea out under a tree and all his children were looking on from a short distance. Each one had a bow and arrows but when I walked over toward them, a couple of them raced off toward their house. After a while they saw that I was quite harmless and after Stephon, our driver, had spoken to them in Bhili, they let me take a bow and some arrows to practise with. They laughed and laughed and thought it was a great joke that my arrows went only a short distance. The witch doctor came out of his house, when he saw I needed a few lessons in archery. After he had shot one or two arrows and I had taken another try, there was a great improvement. Miss Sherrick seemed to be an old hand at it for her arrows would go a great distance. The old chap asked her if she could shoot a gun. It certainly doesn't take long to make friends with these people.

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A few weeks ago we had an official visit from the Raja, his son, the Agent of the Governor-General and his Secretary, also the Political Agent. They arrived at four in the afternoon and had tea up at the Buchanan's bungalow. Miss Williamson had all the school children line up on either side of the long drive as the three cars drove in on the compound. Afterwards, they came up to the bungalow and sang a hymn in Bhili and 'God Save the King', in Hindi. There is the first time the Raja's son has been here to visit the mission.

The guests stayed about an hour and we enjoyed their visit very much. The Europeans were all greatly taken with Amkhut and expressed a desire to come here to get away from the noise and toil of the city.''

Pageant!

How is your pageant progressing? This question is asked of every girls' organization. The seventieth birthday of the W.M.S. is steadily approaching and you will remember that the prize pageant based on ''If I lived in India'', is to be presented in May at the Annual Meeting, which is to take place in Montreal. Miss Hill has set April 1st as the latest date for receiving pageants. This gives just enough time for judging and making arrangements for the presentation. —M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

A VISIT TO THE DOUGLAS MacKENZIE MISSION BAND IN FORMOSA

DICK and Mary were greatly excited, for they were going with their parents to the Orient, and were to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mackay in Tamsui, Formosa. They sailed from Vancouver across the Pacific to Keelung. From there they went by train to Taihoku, the capital of the Island. Dick was disappointed because they could not see the city, but they had just time to catch the bus for Tamsui. It was dark when they arrived but Mrs. Mackay was there to meet them and take them directly to her home in the Mission Compound.

Next morning the children wakened early. Mary ran to the window and looked out. When she saw the lovely grounds of the Mission Compound glistening with the morning dew, she cried, ''Look Dick! there are palm trees and flowers, it is just like a lovely park.''

''It certainly is beautiful,'' said Dick. ''That must be why the Island was called Formosa, for Formosa means beautiful.''

In Tamsui, Mission Band is held at the same time as the Church service, so, as it was Sunday morning, Mary and Dick dressed quickly to be ready in good time to go with Mrs. Mackay to visit the Band. As they walked down the hill from the Mission Compound to the city it seemed strange to them to see the stores open as usual, but Tamsui is not a Christian city and so they do not keep Sunday. As the children approached the beautiful Mackay Memorial Church they saw men and women in their Chinese clothes entering. They also saw the boys from the boys' school, marching down the hill two by two, led by Mr. Mackay. After them came the girls from the girls' school dressed in their neat, trim uniforms, led by Miss Douglas. Last of all came Miss Burdick with the women from her school. The women did not wear hats, instead they carried bright-coloured Japanese parasols. It was a lovely sight to see them coming down the stone steps and entering the Church.

Mrs. Mackay took Mary and Dick to the room where Mission Band was to be held. Everything was ready, the attendance charts were on the wall and several Chinese students were there to help Mrs. Mackay. At nine o'clock the meeting opened, there were about sixty members present. During the first prayer there was absolute quiet. After this a Chinese student led the singing. Mary and Dick couldn't understand a word but they knew some of the tunes. There were some other little children who couldn't understand either because they belonged to the wild Ami tribe, and their language is quite different from Formosan. These little Ami children became very restless so Adopu, an Ami teacher, took these smiling hopping little boys and girls off by themselves to teach them in their own language. When these children had left, Mrs. Mackay told the others a Bible story.

After the story, the Mission Banders scattered for twenty minutes to learn Bible verses. Those who could read went out on the lawn, the students helped those who could not read. The verses which they had memorized were repeated, and each boy and girl was given a red ticket with his or her name on it and the chapter, and number of verses recited.

The Mission Band was called together again. Dick and Mary noticed that most of the children had won the little tickets. Those who had, went up to the front, one by one, and handed in their ticket. Their name was read out and in their outstretched hand was placed one sen* for every verse learned. Each member then walked to the offering basket and placed in it the money they had earned by learning verses. Another teacher recorded the number of boys and girls making offerings and the amounts. There was keen competition between the boys and the girls. One little girl called Phillipa, presented a ticket for thirty-seven verses, and another, called Jade, recited forty-five. These two little girls and many others had, of course, learned most of the verses at home. Many of these Mission Banders work very hard and learn as many verses as they can for it is the only way that they can give an offering to God for the missionary work of their own Church. When all the offerings were made the total amount was announced, and after prayer the meeting was dismissed.

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* One Sen is equal to half a cent in Canadian money.

Mary and Dick walked slowly home. ''Isn't it lovely, Dick,'' said Mary, ''to think that there is a Mission Band here in Formosa?''

''Yes, indeed,'' said Dick, ''and if we work hard when we go home perhaps in time there will be Mission Bands right around the whole world.''

—*B. K. Riddell.*

Note.—The above story is based on a letter written by Mrs. George W. Mackay, who is in charge of the Mission Band in Tamsui, Formosa.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Synopsis of Lecture III.

HOW CHILDREN LEARN

THE third of our studies relative to the Missionary Education of children is concerned with the problems of how children learn, particularly when in a band or group. Instructors in the science of teaching now place the emphasis on the ''Principles of Learning'', whereas in former years it was placed on the ''Principles of Teaching''. This new heading focuses the teacher's thought more on her pupils and their activities and less on herself and her activities, although these are also very important. In this lecture three of the Principles of Learning are discussed.

Principle of Practise

How do children learn to spell, shall we say?—by spelling. How do they learn to swim?—by swimming. How do they learn to become friendly children?—by being friendly children, by living as friendly children. This is to say that practise or exercise is a necessary activity on the part of a pupil if he would learn anything. Hence one of the important Laws of Learning is the Principle of Exercise of Practise.

We have not always given consideration to this principle in our work with children. For instance, we have asked them to memorize the Bible verse ''Be ye kind.'' We have told stories about kind people. Then we have expected the children to go home from our groups and to be kind forever. We did not help them to be kind by actually giving them opportunities in class to show kindness, or by planning a new kind deed which they could do individually or collectively.

Principle of Satisfaction

If a child enjoys a certain experience be it a trip to grandmother's, or a baseball game, or a deed of kindness, he will want to repeat it. We have to keep this fact in mind also. It has been called the Principle of Satisfaction or Effect. The formation of Missionary habits of conduct is one of our chief objectives in the work of Missionary Education of children. Habits are formed by repetition. Because children, like adults, are more likely to be interested and satisfied if they have some part in deciding what they are to do, the leader, should, if possible, allow the children to help plan their work. For example, the leader wishes the children to practise kindness. She could ask the class, to whom shall we be kind? How shall we be kind to him or her? Then guide the class to a right decision. The other method, such as merely stating ''Now we will show kindness by making scrap books to send to Japan,'' the leader having decided the whole activity and prepared everything herself, is not nearly so likely to impart to her children the sense of reality which will encourage them to repeat it or help a child to really learn kindness as one of the ways of living which Jesus exemplified.

Principle of Readiness

If children are to respond and react to a lesson they must be ready for it. Before starting a lesson the pupils' interest and help should be gained. To secure their interest sometimes it is a good plan to submit a problem or question for discussion, or to show pictures or articles related to the subject. Another method is to allow the pupils to find information themselves from books, maps, etc., provided by the teacher. They may also look up information at home. If children are ready the lesson will be effective.

There are numerous other principles of learning which the teacher should recognize. These may be called by-products of the above laws. One of these is that the child learns from what the leader is and from what she does. He learns through imitation. This fact we cannot afford ever to forget. —*B. K. Riddell.*

The above outline is based on the third lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the fourth lecture is ''The Well Balanced Programme.''

This course is now completed and may be secured for 35c. from the W.M.S. Publications Office, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario.

BOYS' MISSION BAND BUILDING MISSIONARY LIBRARY

THE Boys' Mission Band of Strathroy, Ontario, wanted books to read —stories of Missionary Heroes, so they made a concert up and used lantern slides. The following is the account, sent in by the leader:

''Our Mission Band concert is over. I just wish you could have seen the boys do their part. One little fellow was a most able chairman, another the official pianist, a third had charge of the lantern, several were ushers, and they put on the programme themselves. One clever little musician played a cornet solo and sang a solo. Two played piano solos. One read the Indian version of the 23rd Psalm. I told the story of 'Our Little Brown Brother.' Everyone present was so pleased that I felt very encouraged and not a little proud of the boys!''—*Vesta M. Gast*

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEETINGS

Provincial Annual Meetings

Alberta.—Grace Church, Calgary, April 3rd and 4th.
British Columbia.—St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, March 13th and 14th.
Manitoba.—March 13th and 14th.
Ontario.—St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, April 17th, 18th, 19th.
Quebec.—St. Andrew's Church, Quebec City, March 20th.
Saskatchewan.—St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, April 4th and 5th.

Council Meeting

Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, week of May 29th.

General Assembly

Knox Church, Toronto, June 6th.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The special feature on the programme of the Calgary Presbyterial, which convened in Knox Church, on January 16th and 17th, was the prayer service with which the session opened on the evening of January 16th. Mrs. Rogers, wife of the minister of Knox Church, led in the opening prayer for the work of our mission fields in general, then asked for special prayer to be offered for the workers. As each field was named a number of women arose, each offering a prayer for a special individual worker on that field. Every overseas field was remembered as well as each unit at home. Workers in our hospitals, school residences, Indian schools, deaconesses, and field secretaries were made the subject of special prayer. In this service no less than 50 women sent up petitions to the Great Master who has sent those women out to this service and who has promised to care for all who are remembered and given into His keeping.

The reports showed splendid activities in all departments and a fine spirit in the various Auxiliaries. Mrs. Gibson inspired the members with an encouraging address on ''Looking Backward and Forward'' and appealed to the members to take as their motto for 1934, ''I Press On''.

Miss Scott, Calgary, deaconess at large, spoke from Mark 1: 17.

One of the outstanding reports was that of the Supply Secretary whose appeals for clothing and supplies had met with ready response. Besides many large bales of good used clothing, $457.35 of new clothing and $67.50 in cash had been received. In all, 30 large bales had been sent to needy points. The Mission Band had a membership of 155 with donations of $106. The Treasurer's report was most encouraging, showing allocation within a few dollars of being reached. The evening session was in charge of the young women and C.G.I.T. A play was given by six members of the C.G.I.T. group, entitled, ''Hanging a Sign.''

The officers for the following year were installed in a very impressive manner by Rev. T. Rodger.

Red Deer P.S. met for their annual conference in Olds, on January 10th, with representatives from Olds, Carstairs, Innisfail, Red Deer and Willowdale in attendance. This Presbyterial has, in all probability, made a greater advance in the work of the W.M.S. during the year past than any other in the Province of Alberta. The word increase was heard in the report of each Secretary from that of the *Glad Tidings* with its increase of 1 subscription, down through that of the Mission Band showing 29 more members and $25.13 more in givings, the Young Women's with 6 more organizations, 58 more members and an increase of $36.55 in money sent to Treasurer, as well as $5.50 spent on new supplies, to that of the Treasurer showing the allocations of $450 overreached, the Treasurer having received $458.

Much praise is due Miss Matthews, deaconess on the Red Deer Mission Field, for the very splendid work done. The Press Secretary calls her our ''Star member'' and says very few days pass that do not find Miss Matthews with her horse and buggy or sleigh, on the road to keep some engagement on her field. From the seven Mission Bands organized on this field $25.58 was sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer, and $75 raised for supplies. The two Young Women's organizations gave $12.50 and $5.50 for supplies. Much of this money was raised by the children setting eggs and selling the chickens, raising and selling vegetables as well as other activities.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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FAIRVIEW Auxiliary, Vancouver, held its first meeting of the new year, January 11th, Mrs. W. C. MacBeth presiding. Rev. Walter Ellis conducted the installation service for the officers elected for 1934. Others taking part in the service were Mrs. L. Cook and Mrs. Mary Turner. A list was read of the members responsible for the programmes of the meetings in 1934.

The annual meeting of Robertson Church W.M.S., Vancouver, was held recently. Mrs. H. Fraser presided. Excellent annual reports were presented by the different Secretaries. After the election of officers, the Rev. Alex Esler, D.D., conducted the installation service and addressed the meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Vancouver Mission Band Leaders' Council of the Presbyterian Church was held January 4th at the home of Miss Yeandle. Mrs. Thomas Deas, President, gave a résumé of the Council's activities since its organization in February. Mrs. Angus Mackenzie, Honorary President, presided during the election and installation of officers. Presidents of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries were guests of the evening and Rev. R. C. Acheson, recently inducted minister of East Vancouver Heights Presbyterian Church, addressed the gathering.

At the last meeting of the year, Central Auxiliary, Vancouver, received a gift subscription of one hundred dollars from Mr. John MacPherson, through his wife, the well-loved President of the Auxiliary.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Central Church Mission Band a splendid programme, prepared by Mrs. E. G. Mader, leader of the Band, was given. Two seals, the gift of Mrs. John MacPherson, President of the Auxiliary, were presented by Mrs. F. G. Fowler, Mission Band Secretary. Two Junior Memberships were presented by friends of the Band.

After a happy holiday season, the little children of the Chinese Kindergarten are busy at work again under the faithful and consecrated leadership of Miss Ruth Yeandle and Mrs. Louie. Nine of these little ones, who received their diplomas at the closing in December, will be entering the public schools in February. Our prayers are that the good seed sown in their early years, through the memorization of Scripture passages, hymns, etc., may bring forth a good harvest later on.

The Presbyterian Girls' Leaders' Council of Vancouver and New Westminster held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. Innes Macdougall. Members of the committee appointed to complete arrangements for the Presbyterian Girls' Rally on April 3rd, were Mrs. Macdougall, Miss Jessie McGowan and Miss Flora McMillan. Encouraging reports of the organized groups were given by the leaders and the question of contributions to the Supply Department of the W.M.S. was fully discussed. At the close of the meeting, tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Jean McKendrick, Elva Carson and Vera Smither.

Kerrisdale Church Y.W.A. report a very successful year and are willing to pass on some of the ideas which helped them to make their meetings interesting also a success financially. During the year they sponsored two recitals. A play ''Golden Chains'', which was secured from the depository, was very effective, and is recommended as particularly good for any missionary gathering.

St. Aiden's, New Westminster, reports a very satisfactory year. Although the membership is small there is usually a full attendance. Mrs. Dr. Magee, one of the members, visited the old country last summer, accompanied by her husband and son. At a recent meeting Dr. Magee gave a very interesting description of some of the places they visited in England, Ireland and Scotland. The members are very optimistic, and are looking forward to a successful year in 1934.

MANITOBA

Mrs. W. F. Hogarth, 118 N. John St., Fort William, Ont., Press Sec.

SUPERIOR P.S. held their January executive meeting to receive reports. These were very satisfactory, especially those of the young people.

An In Memoriam Certificate was presented to Mr. Marshall Dean, in memory of his mother, Mrs. M. B. Dean, who for years had been Presbyterial Treasurer.

At the January meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, Rev. G. C. Shearer and Mrs. W. Ballantyne were the speakers. A Beginners' Mission Band named the ''H. R. Grant'' was reported organized by Mrs. H. R. Grant, President of the W.M.S., and Mrs. McMahon, Mission Band Secretary.

Melita W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Yuill, January 2nd. Miss Todd, formerly port worker at Montreal, now deaconess in Winnipeg, was the speaker.

(Overmatter)

''Golden Sheaf'' M.B., First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, were given an illustrated talk by Mrs. Long on the children of India and Formosa, at their Thank-offering. Supper was served at the close.

In November, the Uneedus Girls' Guild of St. James Presbyterian Church, under the leadership of Mrs. George Bradley, acted as hostesses to 130 girls and their leaders from the Churches in Winnipeg, East and West Selkirk, ''All People's Mission'', and Kildonan. Mrs. Digby Wheeler, more intimately known to the Camp girls as ''Pal'' occupied the chair, while Miss Isobelle Duffin (Duffy) looked after the games and Miss Mamie Todd (Toddy) led the singing of favorite songs.

A programme of impromptu stunts, such as are enacted around camp fires, caused much amusement, and many friendships, made in the days spent at Boundary Park, were renewed. When Miss Alma Burdick, of Formosa, arrives there is no doubt she will be greeted with a large and interested group of girls to hear the wonders of ''Beautiful Formosa'', and the need of more workers to tell the story of Jesus to those still in darkness.

ONTARIO

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Why Not Have An Easter Thank-offering!

THE Provincial Executive realizing how few Auxiliaries in Ontario observe the Easter Thank-offering season, regret the loss in inspiration and givings, and earnestly urge all Auxiliaries to hold an Easter Thank-offering this year. Small amounts from many people will revolutionize our financial returns.

Mrs. John Taylor, 21 Mount Royal Avenue, Hamilton, is the Billeting

Convener for the Provincial Annual Meeting to be held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, April 17th, 18th and 19th.

March brings the first reports on Presybterial annual meetings. Were they all to prove as inspiring as Huron we might feel that Utopia was reached—**an average increase of 17 per cent. all along the line**, with Miss Jeckel, Presbyterial President, urging the workers to put new zeal and more faith into their work for the cause of missions. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, addressed the meeting and brought greetings from the Provincial Board. "'The best prophet of the future is the past,' said Lord Byron, "and judging from the tone and substance of the reports I have listened to I have no fear for the future of Huron Presbyterial," she said. The "Busy Bees" Mission Band, Exeter, gave an entertainment providing all talent themselves, the main number being a play, "Mother Goose and Her Missionary Family" with a charge of 10 cents. $10.00 was raised.

Again we hear of the delight of our northern Presbyterials, North Bay and Temiskaming, in having a returned missionary visit them. Miss Burdick, on furlough from Formosa, addressed meetings at New Liskeard, North Bay and Sudbury, giving a new inspiration and incentive to all who heard her.

From Barrie P.S. we hear of the inspiration created by Miss Lamont's enthusiasm. A Home Helper member at Schomberg hearing her was so enthused she gave a tea at her home which met with a generous response. Thornbury-Clarksburg have closed a successful year, allocation exceeded, good work in all departments. Collingwood Auxiliary presented a Life Membership to their retiring President, Mrs. George Park.

The Thank-offering meetings in Sarnia P.S. were well attended, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Provincial President, speaking at many of them, giving a message of hope and encouragement and yet sounding a note of warning. Sectional meetings were also successful. Splendid reports were received at the January executive meeting of this Presbyterial on the year's work. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. D. McInnis, Forest, and Miss C. Murray, Sarnia.

The annual meeting of Guelph P.S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, excellent reports from all Auxiliaries, Y.W.A.'s, C.G.I.T. and Mission Bands were received. Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, in a helpful address, spoke of the thrill in following the trail and example of the early pioneers. Mrs. George Vanston, Toronto, represented the Provincial Board.

At St. Andrew's Church, Perth, Lanark and Renfrew held their annual meeting with a good attendance. Reports were encouraging and compared well with last year, Special Campaign Fund up to expectations, work of the young people good and on the increase. Auxiliaries gave helpful ideas of successful work done. Dr. O'Hara, LL.D., was present and spoke on her famine work in India. Mrs. John Williams, Provincial representative, gave two splendid addresses and helpful suggestions. Rev. J. A. Koffend gave an illustrated lecture on Manchuria. Mrs. John Stewart closed the meeting asking all to ''wait upon the Lord.''

There was a large attendance of delegates at the annual meeting of Chatham P.S. meeting in First Church, Chatham. Reports were good and many Auxiliaries went over their allocation in givings, others hope to do so this coming year. One of the high lights of the meeting was the address by the President, Mrs. S. M. Ferguson, Leamington, who compared starting the New Year to starting on a long motor trip. ''We must have our car polished with hope, oiled with open-mindedness, the tank filled with consecration, tires inflated with prayer and, like wise travellers, we will use a road map that we will not miss important places. Our first stop is the town of Programme Preparedness, next we come to Attitude, and then to Prayer whence we go on our way rejoicing. Then comes the town of Cheerful Giving. We are not very welcome here but when we leave we are filled with hope that this year each person will give to missions in proportion to what she spends on herself.'' In the evening, Rev. Scott Fulton and Rev. George Treanor took part with Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, giving a stirring address on ''Our Missionary Work and Workers.''

The ''Rainbow'' C.G.I.T. Group, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, gave a tea, the proceeds were used to fill seven Christmas baskets for needy families. The Senior Girls' Missionary Society, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, sent Christmas gifts and a number of dolls to one of our missionaries for distribution.

A sectional meeting of Peterborough P.S. was held at Millbrook with members from Peterborough, Centreville and Lakefield. Mrs. Morgan presented the financial situation. Miss P. B. Lamont was the guest speaker. Thank-offering meetings were well attended in Bruce and Owen Sound and offerings good. Miss McConnell addressed many of these meetings and others were addressed by their ministers.

Meetings in Huron Presbyterial were also addressed by Miss McConnell who tells in a wonderful way of her work and of the people in India. Miss McConnell's pleasing and forceful delivery has delighted all who have heard her, she has brought the Bhils and India much closer to us.

Kingston P.S. annual was held at Gananoque. Reports of the year's work were received. Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, and Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, addressed the meetings. Special prayers were offered for Mrs. G. Reid, Belleville, Presbyterial President for the past four years, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last fall. Mrs. H. R. Duff, Kingston, is President for 1934. Girls' work in this Presbyterial received an impetus from the visit of Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, who addressed several groups on ''New Year's Resolutions.''

QUEBEC

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QUEBEC P.S.—Miss Burdick addressed two meetings in Sherbrooke and one in Lennoxville early in January. At the sub-executive she gave an informal talk about the work in Formosa which she illustrated with pictures. At the public meetings, the superstition of the people was touched upon and their great need of the Gospel, how the missionaries were meeting this need and the results of their work.

Montreal P.S.—A glimpse of the conditions amid which missionary work is carried on in Formosa was afforded the large audience who gathered in Knox-Crescent Church lecture hall on January 11th, to hear Miss Burdick, Principal of the Women's School in Tamsui, Formosa. Previous to Miss Burdick's appointment to Formosa, in 1927, she spent two years in training at the Bible School in Vancouver. In addition to her duties as Principal of the school, Miss Burdick conducts classes for Bible study for the nurses of Mackay Hospital and for the pupils at the Girls' School, also undertaking administration work.

Miss Burdick gave an inspiring address presenting the needs of a people in a land without the Gospel of Christ who, she said, were like men groping in the darkness and searching for a light. To those in darkness the Gospel must be taken by missionaries, who in turn must be upheld by the prayers and support of the workers at home.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Miss C. E. Cameron, President of Quebec Provincial Society. Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of the Montreal Presbyterial, introduced Miss Burdick.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—Reports continue to come in from various points which speak very appreciatively of Miss Burdick's visits. In an item from Nokomis this month they say they were greatly encouraged and stimulated by her message.

Mrs. G. M. Bell, President of the First Church W.M.S., Regina, entertained the members of her Executive at a luncheon meeting, after which plans for the year's work were discussed. The Superintendent of the Mission Band reported a very successful year filled with varied activities, the most outstanding meeting being a rally service when Mrs. J. W. Dill addressed the children from North Side Mission Band, Eastview S.S. and the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band of First Church. Two graduates of the Band completed their fifth payment and secured their Life Membership certificates. The President of the Band and another graduate secured their gold seals, one member a bronze seal and one a Junior Certificate. Despite the difficult year this Band contributed more to missions than in 1932.

The 20th annual meeting of the Presbyterial convened in First Church, Regina, January 18th. Mrs. Sinclair presided at all the sessions, which were well attended. The departmental reports proved very encouraging and were a source of satisfaction to those who have worked so hard for results.

The morning devotions were taken by the Regina Auxiliary, those of the afternoon by the Dunkeld Auxiliary which latter was organized only last July. Previous to the afternoon session a short memorial service was held for Miss Mildred Soutar. This was beautifully carried out by Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President, and Mrs. Sinclair, Presbyterial President.

In the evening, those present were favored with an organ recital by the Church organist, Mr. Hulatt, and a quartette and several solos by members of the choir. Rev. S. Farley and Rev. H. R. Horne gave short addresses which were much appreciated. During the discussion periods the question of the advisability of holding a Presbyterial Conference during the summer was considered and it was decided to hold such a conference in May or June, when the weather would be more favorable and travel by motor possible.

Regret is felt that Mrs. Sinclair finds it necessary to retire from the office of President which she has filled so ably for the past six years. During this time Mrs. Sinclair has given herself unreservedly to the service of missions and has done more than can be recounted to keep the work intact. Mrs. James McAra has consented to carry on in Mrs. Sinclair's place and under her competent leadership we have no fear of falling back.

Saskatoon P.S.—The North Battleford W.M.S., the ''Willing Workers'' Mission Band, the Luseland W.M.S., and St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, report most encouraging items concerning the year's work. St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, sent a Christmas parcel in response to a request from Mrs. Goforth, of Manchuria, for Christmas cheer to be used in Sunday School work. Five pounds of used Christmas cards were sent to India from the same source.

Prince Albert P.S.—Very encouraging reports have come concerning the W.M.S. at Clouston, Tisdale and the Mission Band at Mistawasis Reserve. At the ''James Nisbet'' Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church Thank-offering meeting Rev. W. J. Cook, of Melfort, gave an interesting address on conditions in India as he saw them as a missionary and also on the development of our mission work in Central India.

''Ephraim Scott'' Mission Band reports larger attendance and membership due to this Band being divided into three branches—one member has received her Life Membership certificate this year.

Mrs. Wm. Kirby, who was associated with the late Lucy Baker in her early ministry among the Indians around Prince Albert, addressed the Y.W.A. Thank-offering meeting.

The C.G.I.T. were privileged to have Miss Burdick as their guest at a supper meeting. About forty were present to hear of her interesting work among girls in Formosa.

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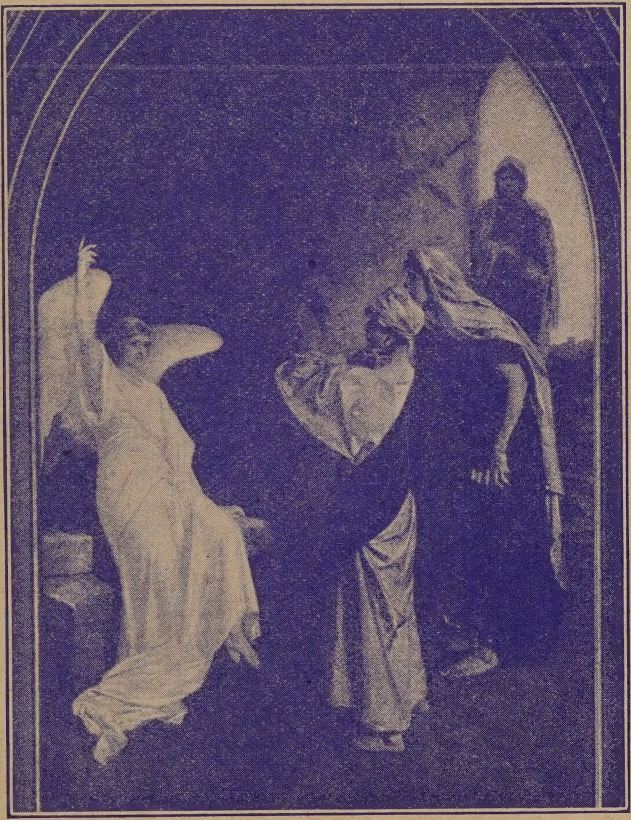

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An Easter Wish

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Of Easter morn
Bring joy to thee.

May the calm eve
Of Easter leave
A peace divine with thee.

May Easter night
On thine heart write,
O Christ, I live for thee.
—*The Torch*

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Editorial

The Bible

''Blessed be they. . . . that deliver God's Book unto God's people in a tongue they understand, since of a hidden treasure and of a fountain that is sealed, there is no profit.''—Thus reads the preface to the Authorized Version of the English Bible, 1611.

WHEN the Bible Society was founded in 1804, the Bible was a sealed fountain, a hidden treasure to four out of five people in the world. To the great task of unsealing the fountain and bringing to light this treasure the Bible Society has addressed itself. In 129 years it has sent out over 440 million copies of the Scriptures in 667 languages. Last year 12 new translations were published and over 10 million copies of Scripture circulated, which indicates the effort of Christendom to give God's Book to God's people in a language they understand.

Speaking recently in Toronto to a great audience gathered together under the auspices of the Upper Canada Bible Society, Rev. John Mackay, Ph.D., Secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Missions of the United States, told of ''The Way of the Book.'' The Society could have chosen no finer exponent for Dr. Mackay was a counsellor in missionary affairs, a missionary and educationist in Latin America, and an associate of Dr. Robert Speer.

He referred to the Bible as ''A letter from God with our personal address in it.'' Speaking of South America's lack of knowledge of the Bible he declared that spiritual life cannot be maintained without a popular knowledge of the Scriptures and a comprehensive interpretation of them from the pulpit.

''The solidarity of British homes has been built almost entirely upon the foundations of family worship, and the entire structure of

Great Britain and her Dominions is based on the principles laid down in the Holy Bible. We do not know what that means in our Church life, in our civilization, we will only know if we let it go.''

The suppression of the distribution of translations of the Bible in Spain, Portugal and Latin America for generations deprived the people of these countries of the spiritual unity and loyalty that is developed where there is a knowledge of Christ. To-day, in Latin America the Bible is being widely distributed, and last year in Spain its sale was greater than that of any other book.

Wherever we examine democracy to-day we shall find that only when there has been loyalty to the principles enunciated in that Great Book has there been true democracy. An understanding between Anglo-Saxon races and Latin America can best be achieved on a common understanding of the Book and through the Book.

By listening to the Book, reading the Book, and living the Book, it shall speak to us in our need. The Bible is not a theory about God or religion; it contains actual facts and realities.

The Late Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D.

THE sudden death, on February 28th, of the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., of Vancouver, removes from the Presbyterian Church in Canada a minister of outstanding ability, a well known writer, and a son of whom Canada has just reason to be proud, for in the making of the history of the Canadian West Dr. MacBeth had a large part.

Dr. MacBeth was the son of the late Hon. Robert MacBeth and Mary (McLean) MacBeth, and was born in the Lord Selkirk Colony on the Red River, December 21, 1860. He was educated in Manitoba College and the University of Manitoba, taking his Master of Arts degree in 1884. He studied law with Sir Hugh J. Macdonald, and was called to the bar in 1888. He practised law for one year, but heard the call to the ministry and studied theology in Princeton Seminary, N.J., and Manitoba College, and was ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in 1891, and to that Church he gave unstinted service and undying loyalty throughout his life. He held pastorates at Winnipeg and Carman, Manitoba; Paris, Ontario; and Vancouver, B.C., and was beloved by all to whom he ministered.

As a writer Dr. MacBeth was known all over the continent. His books included, ''The Selkirk Settlers in Real Life''; ''The Making of the Canadian West''; ''The Romance of Western Canada''; ''Policing the Plains''; ''The Romance of the Canadian Pacific Railway''; ''The Burning Bush in Canada''; ''Western Memories and Pen Portraits''; ''Our Task in Canada''.

Dr. MacBeth ever maintained a warm interest in the work of the Women's Missionary Society and many fine articles and biographical sketches came to the *Glad Tidings.* In his passing the Editor feels that she has lost a loyal friend, one whose criticism equally with his commendation she respected, and that the magazine has lost an honored contributor.

To Mrs. MacBeth and her family the sincere sympathy of the Society is extended in their great loss.

A Real Missionary Leader

ONE of the real missionary leaders of to-day is Mr. Kenneth McLennan, who claims Dingwall, Scotland, as his birthplace, and London as the city of his adoption. Mr. McLennan is Executive Secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, and has been visiting Canada and the United States on his way to China to study the missionary situation there in the light of the present economic distress and to explore the possibilities of closer cooperation of Missionary Boards on the field.

By means of a series of striking comparisons Mr. McLennan showed how the British Societies are trying to confront the missionary situation. In 1922, a survey along financial lines revealed the fact that the British Society was going on at 15 to 18 per cent. increase per decade, with a constant increase in personnel. From 1922 to 1932, although the incomes of the people had fallen 22 per cent. they were supporting missionary work as never before. ''A financial disaster,'' said Mr. McLennan, ''brought a spiritual revival to our Church. Religious life was never more deep. It was worth a crisis to make this discovery. The people also discovered that they had been conditioning their missionary work on the money they could raise rather than on the need on the fields.'' Their task was to study the duties ahead. This they did.

To show how the Church and Mission Field had emerged, Mr. McLennan stated that, in 1910, at the Edinburgh Conference, in a delegation, of 1,000, only about ten nationals were present. At the second World Missionary Conference in Jerusalem, in 1928, two hundred delegates were present and one hundred discussed matters on equal footing with leaders from all countries. Two years ago a Mission of Fellowship was held, and Indian Christians were present at the British Society and, as tales of Christian experiences, as seen through the eyes of Indians, were related, it was realized that the Church of Christ was universal, and the Church became to British minds a living thing. We had been the ''Lady Bountiful'' sending out, out, not expecting anything in return, but a new realm of spiritual experience faced us, and the new problem—that no life can be lived in isolation. The resources of the world are ample, the need of the world is not greater than its resources.

The trouble with Europe to-day is *fear* and it can only think of security in terms of armaments. We must disarm people of fear of each other. What is true of the modern world is true of the missionary world, that the age of isolation is past. All Mission Boards should be aware of the plans and activities of all others and the policy of each should be part of a co-ordinate whole to which all should make their contribution. Unity and co-operation, not union, is needed to-day.

The Renaissance in India

"THE rise of womanhood, the rise of the outcast class and the rise of nationalism; the three outstanding features of the renaissance which has taken place in India in recent years formed the basis of an address, by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, delivered to a large gathering of women, held under the auspices of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, in the Canadian School of Missions, Toronto, recently.

"Out of the welter of events that have taken place in India certain characteristics of the renaissance stand out vividly, and one of these is the new attitude of India's womanhood. In their homes the Indian women are in the sixteenth century; when they step out they are in the twentieth. India's womanhood has always been the bulwark of India's conservatism. Now her womanhood has stepped out and is standing a power behind reform." When Dr. Jones first spoke to Indian women in the palace, he heard the tinkling of bejewelled feet, but talked to an unseen audience. To-day Indian women have come from behind the screen, and are asking questions that make one search for an answer. They are taking the lead in agitations and demanding:—equal pay for equal work between men and women; that maternity benefits be provided by employers before and after childbirth; the right of divorce on the part of women. Dr. Jones is of the opinion that the womanhood of India never needed patient, kindly guidance so much as at the present time, and it must not be given in pity, but in understanding friendship.

The rise of the sixty million outcasts and the great importance suddenly attached to these people who can turn the balance of power, formed a dramatic picture, and the question Dr. Jones put to Ghandi: "Why are you doing away with untouchability and leaving caste," was thought provoking.

The great passion of the India of to-day is for freedom, and Dr. Jones warned his hearers that we must accommodate ourselves to propagating Christian missions under a self-governing India. India is fighting for her place and the right to stand on her own feet. Dr. Jones feels that the best period for Christian missions is in the future. We can no longer act as Lady Bountiful to an inferior race. Ghandi said: "India does not want you to come loving the people's souls, she wants you to respect and love them.'' We have got to go with a new mentality and be willing to work beside them. ''Never,'' said Dr. Jones, ''had I so many crowded after meetings; people are craving for something. The period of Christian missions is now in its highest phase. Go with new boldness, friendliness and humility. The doors are all open. Indian women are trooping from the past into the future. The renaissance is there. What India needs is a reformation. I do not believe their ancient faiths can supply the dynamic for the future. We must give the people the something they need. Every Christian reform is going straight towards the Christian position. For the past ten years, 12,000 a month have been added to the Christian Church. Reformation is taking place by the silent saturation and permeation of Christian ideas and ideals.''

In closing, Dr. Jones congratulated the ladies who are part of this great movement. The greatest serving institution is the Christian Church. It may have many faults but it has no rival.

The Council Meeting

THE meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, beginning Tuesday, May 29th, at 2.30 o'clock. As this gathering marks the seventieth anniversary of the organization of the Society, the public meeting, on Tuesday evening, will be devoted to the presentation of an historic sketch showing the work and achievement of the past seventy years. Our members are asked to remember in prayer this important Council meeting and those who have been entrusted with arranging the programme. Further details will appear in the May issue.

''Glad Tidings'' for Filing

A LIMITED number of copies of the *Glad Tidings*—from July-August, 1925, to December, 1933—are available. These may be had for the payment of postage at the rate of one cent for two copies, or fifty cents for the complete set of 93 copies. Should any Provincial Society, Presbyterial Society, or individual wish to have these so they can have them bound for future reference, they should send at once to the Publications Department, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto, as the supply is limited.

SNOWDROPS

Ye little white-robed Angels that appear
And greet us at the dawning of the year!
Yourselves proclaiming to our wondering eyes—
''The Grave's a Garden, and the Dead shall rise.''

Designated a Deaconess

THE designation of Miss Roberta E. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, Orillia, as deaconess missionary in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, ''wherever God in His Providence may order her lot'', took place in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on Friday evening, February 16th. The service, which was deeply impressive, was conducted by the Presbytery of Barrie.

Rev. H. A. Berlis, Chairman of the Board of the Deaconess and Missionary Training Home, Toronto, addressed the candidate. Rev. J. S. Shortt, M.A., B.D., Barrie, led the devotions. Rev. N. R. D. Sinclair, M.A., Allandale, preached the sermon. Mrs. C. W. McMullen, Toronto, Deaconess Secretary of the W.M.S., presented Miss Smith's record and credentials, and stated that Miss Smith is under appointment to Vancouver, B.C., where she will serve as deaconess at large under the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Winifred Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, then presented her with the Deaconess pin. The beautiful service of designation was conducted by the Rev. J. A. MacInnis, acting Moderator.

Mrs. J. H. Eaton, on behalf of the Provincial Board of the W.M.S., brought greetings to the Deaconess designate—the third young woman in Barrie Presbyterial to respond to the call to missionary service.

Miss Roberta E. Smith

Among the many gifts received by Miss Smith were: a fountain pen and pencil set from Barrie Presbyterial; a travelling bag, purse of money and an umbrella from members of the congregation and the organizations of the Church.

The service closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. MacKersie, Atherly.

AND I am one who lives to say
My life has held more gold than gray,
And that the splendor of the real
Surpassed my early dream's ideal.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

What a Woman!

WE heard of her by the merest chance, and we can hardly wait to tell our readers about her, she is so heroic.

She was born in Ireland, and there she received her education and taught school when very young. When the World War came, she offered herself for service and nursed the wounded throughout the war.

Her parents, in the meantime, came to Canada to take up farming. On the close of the war their daughter followed them, and obtained a position as nurse in a western hospital.

When her father became too ill to work she left the hospital, went home to the farm to care for the family, which consisted of an aged aunt and uncle, her father who had heart trouble, her mother who was suffering with high blood pressure, a hired man who is subnormal so no neighbor wishes to employ him, and two brothers.

This family lives in the dried out area where little or nothing has grown for four years, and where the grasshoppers have eaten nearly everything that has grown.

Did this young woman's faith waver? No. She wrote to the colleges to learn ways to economize, and read everything she could find to help her save. With the result: she bought sheep, raises her own wool, cards it, spins it, and with the yarn knits the men's socks and mitts. When they were in need of a mattress she made a wonderful wool one. The making of wool quilts has become common to her. Some she covered with old curtains and others with old clothes.

She sent to Florida for hives of bees. She looks after the bees, extracts the honey and sells it, but this year there were not enough flowers so the bees did not pay for themselves.

For years the people in her neighborhood had grown a variety of gourd called mock orange, for ornamental purposes only. This young woman wrote to the agricultural experimental station and inquired if they were poison. Upon learning that they were not, she baked them and found them not only delicious but an ornamental table dish. With the ripe cucumbers she made a skin lotion for her brothers to use after shaving; with mutton tallow and camphorated oil she made a face cream. She grinds wheat for their porridge and muffins. She blanches squash seeds and uses the hearts of them as nuts. Pumpkin seeds are used for medicine. Out of cracked wheat and molasses she makes the postum. When the liquid is extracted from it, the grounds are used to make muffins and puddings, etc. Not only does she can all the meat she uses, but she puts down her roasts in a stone jar and pours the fat over them, which keeps them until needed.

At the Thank-offering meeting she led the devotions and enumerated a long list of things for which they should be thankful. Included in this list were: the times we live in and the glorious hope that the Lord will return and bring righteousness and peace on earth.

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Naming the Papoose

AMONG the bands of Ojibway Indians scattered along the Lake of the Woods, the quaint aboriginal custom is still followed, of naming a child after the first object the mother sees or is really conscious of after her baby's birth.

Since these people live close to nature, and in a very primitive manner, the result of their system is sometimes grotesque. A directory of Ojibway names Anglicized looks more like a naturalist's diary than an ordinary register.

No surname is given, although frequently an adjective qualifies the noun, giving a double name. Relationships of father and son, or of brothers are difficult to establish or trace, for each may be named in an entirely different way.

It is very understandable that the squaw, lying in her birch bark cabin, with its leaking, sagging roof, or perhaps in a secluded spot in the virgin bush, looks first upon the sky after the birth of her baby. Thus the name Keshick, which means sky, is with its variations probably the commonest name among the Ojibways. Examples of the variations are, Mes sho keshick (Red Sky), which suggests that the little Redskies were launched into the world at sunset or dawn, and Anje Keshick (Changing Sky), whose mother no doubt gazed anxiously up on hurrying clouds, Pinesse (Bird), Ah taig (Crow), Mukatae kay caek (Blackhawk) and Ogish see man (Kingfisher) have winged their way over many lonely teepees, leaving their names unconsciously to scores of new-born Ojibways. Then we have Moqua (Bear), and his brother Mandamin (Corn), which when reduced to everyday English, sound much less romantic with a much farther removed relationship.

Less fortunate the little papoose who bore the name of Mukatai ke nai big (Blacksnake), for neither in English or his mother tongue is his name inviting. Who cheag ga nug (Daystar) was quite becoming to the little lad with flashing eyes and dimples, but when he grew to a trifle over six feet with a giant's stature it seemed less fitting.

Beteese (Boat), and Minnigua (Water) gave evidence of their birth by the water's edge. Waugh be guin (Wildflower) comes like our favored Smith or Jones, without much question of its particular ancestry.

We leave little Ogemah (Chief) his Indian name cheerfully, but refuse to allow his little brother Pai cha na kai petung to cross the bounds of civilization with such an overwhelming appendage. In English the name is simply, Victor, and so Victor the child receives.

Anglo Saxon ideas are creeping very close to the mother who called her babe Punga-heaven. She had to fall back on English to express her feelings because the Ojibways have no word for heaven. With Punga, their word for little, the quaint name becomes intelligible as Littleheaven.

—Janet A. Carruthers, ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, in ''Winnipeg Free Press.''

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The Wonders of the Dead Sea

THE scheme for extracting the potash, bromine and other salts from the waters of the Dead Sea is being rapidly developed by Palestine Potash Ltd., under the direction of M. Novomeysky. This company was organized in London in the latter part of 1929 and now owns the 75 years concession granted by the Government of Palestine and Transjordan to Novomeysky and Tulloch.

The work of erecting the plant at the Dead Sea is proceeding rapidly and satisfactorily. The operations during the first working season fully confirmed the results obtained by the experimental work of the preceding years and have proved the possibility of manufacturing potash from the waters of the Dead Sea by applying the sun's rays as fuel for evaporating and precipitating the chemical salts. The company's expectations concerning the quality and quantity of the crude potash salts produced and the cost of production have been entirely fulfilled.
have been entirely fulfilled.

At the end of 1930 more than 350 workmen were employed by Palestine Potash Ltd. Housing accommodations and sanitary conditions are excellent. Should this year's operations (1933), prove as satisfactory as those carried out in 1930, the company will have to consider construction of a narrow gauge railroad from the Dead Sea to Beisan, in order to create for itself direct communication with the port at Haifa.

Competent experts have estimated that there are in the Dead Sea approximately the following quantities of salts:

Potassium chloride, 2,000 million metric tons; magnesium bromide, 980 million metric tons; sodium chloride, 11,000 million metric tons; magnesium chloride, 22,000 million metric tons; calcium chloride, 6,000 million metric tons.

Potash is used primarily in the manufacture of fertilizer. Bromine is required for medicines used in the treatment of nervous disease and in the manufacture of chemicals connected with the dye-stuff industry. Magnesium chloride is used in the manufacture of magnesium metals and in the dressing of cotton goods. This undertaking should, if successful, lay the foundations of a heavy chemical industry in Palestine and should stimulate the establishment of many other industries.

Major T. G. Tulloch, one of the promoters of Palestine Potash Ltd., recently told a London *Star* reporter—''After living a couple of years on the shores of the Dead Sea, all my ideas of Palestine have been changed. The country surrounding the Dead Sea, when properly explored, reveals some of the most wonderful scenery I have ever seen; and the climate is marvellous,'' he added enthusiastically.

''I have visited many health resorts—open air sanatoriums and sunray establishments—but the little bay we have discovered on the shore of the Dead Sea is nature's own sanatorium and one of our schemes is to establish a health clinic there.

''Hundreds of English people who have wasted years travelling over the world in search of a cure for rheumatic troubles have been permanently cured in a week by bathing in the Dead Sea. It is a natural cure which is due to a combination of unique conditions.

''In the first place, the waters of the Dead Sea contain 25 per cent of salts of magnesium, magnesium bromide and potassium chlorides. No other waters in the world contain such a high percentage of these chemical compounds. The water is so dense that it is impossible to sink in it, and the temperature so warm that one can remain for hours without any risk.

''The atmosphere is extremely dry and the sunshine is practically continuous for seven months and the rainfall is only two inches per annum. The number of hours of sunshine is double that of the sunniest spot in Europe. But the most important atmospheric fact is that our proposed resort is the lowest lying open country in the world. The Dead Sea lies 1,300 feet below sea level, which means that the air there contains 6 per cent. more oxygen per cubic foot than at sea level. One health-giving effect of this is that the call on the heart is correspondingly reduced, and a feeling of extra mental and physical energy is engendered.

''These are the reasons we are establishing a health clinic—and why we are calling it a health resort as well as a pleasure resort.

''Although there are no fish in the Dead Sea, there are many varieties in the trans-Jordanian streams and gorges, where the subtropical vegetation, hot and cold bathing pools and the scenery are marvelous.

''While it may be snowing in Jerusalem—only 50 minutes away by car, on a new metalled road—it is always sunshine on the shores of the Dead Sea, with strawberries, oranges and tropical fruits growing all the year round.''—Israel B. Brodie, in ''The New Palestine.''

A Shining Hope

GOD grant that all who watch to-day
Beside their sepulchres of loss,
May find the great stone rolled away—
May see at last, with vision clear,
The shining angel standing near,
And through the dimly-lighted soul
Again may joy's evangel roll
The glory of the Cross.

—*Julia H. Thayer.*

For Executives

The following clippings contain such good suggestions for those serving in an administrative capacity that we are passing them on. They appeared in the ''Evangelical Missionary World'' to which they were sent by Miss Florence E. Quinlan, at that time Executive Secretary of the Council of Women for Home Missions U.S.A.—EDITOR.

Controlling Those Nerves

''NERVES'' have been properly defined as a bad mental habit of letting emotions take the place of reason.

Nervousness is wasted energy—calmness is the rarest quality in human nature. Emerson speaks of the energy of repose. You have seen men who looked powerful even when relaxed.

Some of the causes of increased irritation are:

1. The egotism and superiority complex.
2. Inability to adjust to changing conditions.
3. The worry habit.
4. The hurry habit.

Suggestions to Sufferers from ''Nerves''

If one is subject to ''nerves'' some suggestions may be of assistance:

1. Be sure your body is in proper condition. There is usually physical basis for ''nerves.'' Have your doctor look you over and give you advice.

2. Have a hobby—a hobby if properly pursued will give you hours of profit and keep your mind off yourself.

3. Remember that anger, grouches and strains on the patience cause changes in the body secretions and produce deleterious results.

4. Life is a series of radiations. If you radiate calmness and courtesy, most people will reflect them back to you; if you talk savagely, such a procedure will be met in kind.

5. Most of our lives are spent in trying to influence others in some way. Can one expect to control others, if he cannot control himself-—*Dr. C. O. Sappington, in "The Safe Worker," published by National Safety Council.*

Ten Tested Rules of Executives

I am resolved:

1. To remember that this my task is God's work more than mine, and that He is more interested in it than I am.

2. To keep silent about my own feelings, experiences and opinions. Much talking about these things weakens one's position.

3. To hold steady under a strain. Nothing is as bad as it looks. An orderly plan and a definite goal may clear away much confusion.

4. To hear both sides and take counsel before deciding large matters. Every man has something to teach me.

5. To leave important decisions until morning. God will meanwhile take a hand if I hold off a little.

6. To treat every man as my equal. Those who feel themselves below me will respond with new values; and those who seem above me are also timid.

7. To believe that every man intends to play fair. Better be imposed upon occasionally than suspicious all the time.

8. To give to my associates not orders, but responsibilities, and credit for results obtained.

9. To remember that no case is hopeless, and to give to every man who fails at least three trials under varying conditions. It may be a matter of finding his place.

10. Having done all things, to decide and having decided, not to change without good reason.—*George S. Miller, in the "Christian Advocate."*

Why Should You Take the "Glad Tidings"

1. Because your education is sadly deficient if you are ignorant concerning the most important work in the world.
2. Because a study of missions will increase your faith in Christ. Missions is God at work.
3. Because you cannot otherwise grasp the full mission of the Church and W.M.S.
4. Because you cannot discharge your duty without informing yourself on the subject.
5. Because you must be intelligent on missions in order to stimulate others.
6. Because you need the knowledge to help you in your own life service.
7. Because by reading it you will learn to follow your gifts of work or money with intelligent prayer.—*Adapted.*

For Presbyterial Presidents

THERE are two ways of meeting a difficulty—sitting down and calmly accepting it, or bending every energy to remove it.

How one Society in a Presbyterial met its quota is related in *Women and Missions,* the official organ of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. This Society had written to the President that it would not be able to give anything, times were so hard. The President promptly responded, quoting 2 Cor. 8: 2—''Their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality,'' as well as 2 Cor. 8: 5 and Matt. 6: 6. She also enclosed a dollar bill, asking the ladies of the Society to invest it, and if they could still get nothing, to send the dollar to the Treasurer as their offering. In a few days a letter came back, and out dropped the dollar bill, with the words, ''We had a silver offering. Took in $10, and so are returning your dollar. Your letter did us a lot of good.'' This same Presbyterial President wrote what she called ''a cheer letter'' to another Society, and this Society suddenly ''got busy'' and collected nearly $40, and eventually sent in all of its quota. Enthusiastic Presbyterial Presidents are very apt to result in enthusiastic Societies.

WHAT A RECORD!

VICTORIA Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has in its congregation three young girls who have established a record for faithfulness, that, so far as we know, is unequalled. Two of these, Frances Wilson and Isobel Thomson, have a record of 7 years' regular attendance at the Mission Band and Margaret Wilson of 8 years' regular attendance.

Three years ago, two other girls, Margaret and Irene Meredith, had 7½ years perfect attendance, obtained similar honor and, in addition, each won a Junior Membership, all four seals and, eventually, a Life Membership. They are now active workers in the C.G.I.T., and Margaret is now Superintendent of the Mission Band.

A True Story

The following story, written by Rev. Allan Reoch, took place about 25 miles northeast of Taonan.

''IF you don't tell me where your father is, I'll kill you,'' said a rough looking Chinese bandit to the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. Sun, as he grabbed her tightly around the throat.

''I don't know where my father is and even if you kill me, I can't tell you where he has fled to because I don't know,'' she replied in a calm voice.

The unperturbed manner of this country girl in the face of danger was so different from what they had ever seen that one bandit asked of his companion in evil, ''What kind of a girl is this?''

''I'm a Christian,'' she said, slowly raising her head (for she had been standing bowed in silent prayer). ''I think you would like to hear me sing,'' she ventured.

''Yes, sing us a song,'' the bandits shouted. She sang them a hymn and they were so pleased that they wanted to hear some more. ''Wait until I call my cousin and we'll sing together. You will like that better still,'' was her reply.

When her cousin, a girl about her own age, arrived, they sang another hymn and the robbers were so pleased that they returned all of her father's goods which they had stolen.

''Please give back my uncle's things too,'' she boldly pleaded and they did as she asked. Not only did they do that but on leaving gave her two dollars as well.

Smiles

From a Hindu whose wife had been in Hospital.

Dear She:—

My wife has returned from your Hospital cured. Provided that males are allowed at your bungalow I would like to do you the honour of presenting myself to you this afternoon—but I will not try to repay you. Vengeance belongeth unto God.

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From a Mohammedan.

Dear and fair Madam:—

I take much pleasure in informing you that my dearly unfortunate wife will be no longer under your kind care and treatment. She having left this world for the other on the night of the 27th— For your help in this matter I shall never be ungrateful.

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Application for work.

I respectfully beg to say that I am poor and humble to support my family because my right leg is unable to earn my livelihood. I beg you to assist me in this matter. I shall pray for your long life and prosperity.

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The husband of a patient sent his wife to hospital for examination. He sent a note to the Doctor which reads as follows: ''Herewith I am sending the body of my wife for examination.'' The Doctor, expecting to see a corpse brought in turned round to see the woman standing.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne, *W.M.S. Publications Department*

ONE cannot always remember all the stories of the work one hears at the Provincial or Sectional meetings to take back to the Auxiliary, but one can always pick up something at the Literature table which in permanent and concrete form may be taken home, enjoyed, passed around or used to add variety to the programme. One member who came in to browse through our bookshelves remarked, "I some times think I cannot afford a book, but some of these are books that I CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT in my home."

WORLD TIDES IN THE FAR EAST, by Basil Mathews, is a book that men, women, and boys and girls from High School age on, should read. You know the east and the problems of to-day when you have read it. Price 60c. in paper.

INDIA AND HER PEOPLES, by F. D. Walker, does the same for India as the above book for the east. You feel you know the country when you have read it. Price 60c. in paper.

These are only two of a long list of books which we recommend for supplementary reading.

MOTHER'S DAY is approaching, and The Standard Mother's Day book, at 35c., gives many suitable recitations and helps.

MOTHER AND HOME is a programme of songs and responsive reading suitable for a large group. The first song alone is worth the price of the programme. Price 10c. each.

We quote prices on hymn books, Bibles and small books of psalms, and both Church and gift editions.

Suitable editions of many of the classics may be had in gift and leather bound editions. Write us your needs, and we shall be glad to help and advise.

Jesus Christ is Risen

SPRING bursts to-day,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.
Winter is past
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.
All herds and flocks
Rejoice, all beasts of thickets and of rocks.
Sing, creatures, sing,
Angels and men and birds and everything.
Jesus Christ is risen to-day.
Alleluia.

—*Christina Rossetti.*

OUR LETTER BOX

Growing Interest in the Gospel Message

"SINCE our arrival in Nagoya Miss MacDonald and I have been busy finding a Japanese house and then finding furniture for it. For a time after we moved in we had to adopt Japanese customs — sleeping on the floor, leaving our shoes outside, sitting on the floor since we did not possess a single chair, and eating our food from little, low, Japanese tables while we reclined on the floor, using also dishes which our little cook was kind enough to lend us. But now we are fairly well settled.

We are looking forward with great expectation to the coming of Pastor Kim Ik Too, Korea's most famous evangelist. He is to remain nine days. Every evening this week prayer meetings are being held in each one of the groups in the city in preparation for his coming, and surely because of the volume of prayer that shall ascend, the Word shall find entrance into many hearts. During his stay there are to be early morning prayer-meetings, study classes during the day, and evening meetings. Before his arrival we intend to visit in the various districts inviting the people to attend.

Recently an effort was made to reach the Koreans living in some of the districts where no work is being carried on, and special meetings were planned. The first was held in a place called Shinkawa bashi. Here almost nothing had been heard of the story of salvation. One of the residents, though not a believer, gave his house for the evening meeting. An interested group assembled, filling the little house to capacity and overflowing to such an extent that newspapers were provided and placed on the ground to provide seats for the crowd standing without. They had another meeting last Sunday evening, and have given permission for a Sunday School to be held for the children and the women each Friday, also a preaching service on Sunday evenings, so we are hoping for great results in the future."—*Ellen Anderson, Japan.*

Given to Hospitality

WE do praise God for our new house. After the rented house we have been in for the past six years, this house is like heaven. Mr. Young's study has a large built-in bookcase. This gives him space for storing tracts, Korean literature, his magic lantern and letter files, etc. Our kitchen has enough cupboards to put everything away neat and tidy and is a place such as every woman longs to have—it even has linoleum on the floor. Upstairs we have a real Christian bathroom.

The first two weeks we were in the new house we had as guests—

a missionary from Formosa, Miss Burdick; Dr. Howie from India: Mrs. Paul Goforth on her way to Manchuria to Mukden. We have also had all the Korean pastors and Bible women for a day of prayer following the Presbytery meeting. There is real unity and good Christian fellowship among the workers. We had ten Korean pastors and evangelists for dinner that day and seven Bible women for supper, so it was a busy day but they all expect to be entertained in our new home, so this was a good opportunity. We want to have the Korean boys from the Presbyterian Seminary, ten in all, some time soon.

Mr. Young has had a busy time the past six months supervising the building of the two houses and attending to his mission work. We are so glad they are finished and are so well constructed and well arranged.

It is wonderful to waken in the morning to the music of several varieties of lovely whistling birds which make their homes among the trees in these mountains.—*Mrs. L. L. Young, Kobe.*

Japanese Children in Canada help Korean Children in Japan

IN British Columbia, near Vancouver, there is a Japanese community, and near that community live two fine Christian ladies (Presbyterian). These ladies started a Mission Band for a group of Japanese girls and have helped them spiritually and guided them well.

The Mission Band is not denominational. The members were anxious to do something practical, so became interested in Dr. Caroline Macdonald, sending her gifts from time to time, to use in work with children. After Dr. Macdonald's death they felt as if they had no missionary in whom they were interested. Then, in some way, they heard of me and decided to adopt me. Naturally, I was thrilled and have had wonderful letters from the President, a girl of 17 who is deeply consecrated and strong in the faith. The girls send me a parcel each year of knitted scarves, stockings, pictures and a baby's layette. These things are greatly appreciated but, most of all, I value the spirit which urges Japanese children living in Canada to help Korean children living in Japan.''—*Jean MacLean, Kobe, Japan.*

A Surprise Snow Storm

''WE had unusually cold weather with hard rain last week which ended with the mountains between here and Taihoku being covered with snow. It was almost down to our cottages. I think all the schools in North Formosa went up to see it. Miss Argall, with two other teachers, took our girls and they were all delighted. It was the first time some of them had seen snow. Miss Ramsay and I went to Taihoku and coming back in the train ever so many people had snow in large handkerchiefs and were eating it, much to our disgust.''

—*Dorothy Douglas, Tamsui.*

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

The Risen Christ

All (prayerfully):

Lord, Thy mercy now entreating,
Low before Thy throne we fall;
Our misdeeds to Thee confessing,
On Thy name we humbly call.

Leader—If a man die, shall he live again? Job 14: 14.

All—I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Job 19: 25.

COMFORT

Hymn 236—"When the Weary, Seeking Rest."

Sentence Prayers—"Whatsoever ye ask in my name, I will do it."

Scripture Reading (one voice), John 14: 1-15.

POWER

Hymn 251—"Thy Kingdom Come, O God."

Prayer (unison), from the *Glad Tidings* (page 140).

Scripture Reading (one voice). Ist Cor. 15: 22, 23, 24 and 57, 58.

Solo—"The Stranger of Galilee," (suggestive).

Offering . . . . .Doxology.

SERVICE

Leader—Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father.

Scripture Reading (one voice), Matt. 28: 1, 5, 6, 7, and 19: 20. Rev. 7: 13, 14, 15.

Hymn 225—"The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns."

Talk (1) "Washing the Disciples' Feet."
(2) "Feeding the Five Thousand."
(3) "The Good Samaritan."
(4) "The Pool of Bethesda."

Prayer of Consecration

Hymn 223—"Rejoice, the Lord is King."

Apostles' Creed (in unison).

This service was prepared by Mrs. John Davey, Mrs. J. Tytler and Miss J. B. Welsh, of Toronto Presbyterial.

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SUGGESTED HELPS

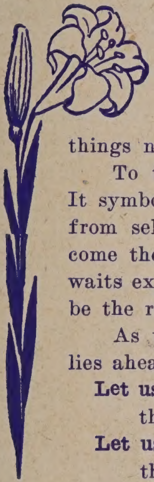
Our Work Across Canada.
Papers in the Exchange Department.
"The Seven Seas of Service," page 40.
The *Glad Tidings*.

An Eastertide Prayer

THOU Risen Christ of God, before Thy throne, at this glad Easter time, Thy children bow to worship and adore! O Thou Who art the ever living, ever loving, One with the Father, bowed in Thy Presence, we see again the empty tomb, the Risen Christ victorious over death; our hope of life beyond the grave. Across the centuries we hear again Thy, "Peace be unto you." O Thou Saviour of mankind, we cannot know the height and depth of Thy immortal love. We bow in silence before Calvary. We praise and bless Thee that down the years, the miracle of Thy love has caught and held the hearts of men, and lifted nations nearer God. We thank Thee that Thy love has yet its ancient power, that men still hear Thy voice, and turn to follow Thee, that men see Thy face, and seeing, count all else but naught. Lord, grant to us to hear, and see, and follow thus. Thou Reigning Christ of God, send peace, we pray Thee to this troubled world, peace to the minds and hearts of men, where fear, and greed, and envy are; peace, and new life to Thy Church, whose vision has grown dim; peace and remembrance to the nations that have forgotten Thee. Thou Risen, Reigning, Lord of Heaven and Earth, send peace in all the earth, we beseech Thee, and in Thy love and mercy bring all Thy wandering children to worship at Thy throne. Hear us, forgive us, and have us in Thy care, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Easter Meditation

"Behold, I make all things new"



We come to the glorious Easter season in the midst of a world of want, uncertainty and pain. We come seeking a new spiritual experience, one which will lift us out of ourselves and our surroundings, bringing with it a radiance and understanding which will make all things new, even a new world.

To the Christian there is no season more vital than Easter. It symbolizes the turn from death to life, the mysterious change from self to God. As unfailing as the miracle of spring may come the inrush of new life, new hope, new courage to him who waits expectantly upon the Lord. "Expectant waiting" can only be the result of a real longing for a deeper life in God.

As we face the coming year, with little knowledge of what lies ahead, but with a very great sense of need—

Let us go deeper—into the meaning of God's love, love that never faileth.

Let us go deeper—into prayer, through the practice of the presence of God and the fellowship of Christ in the every day walks of life. Only by the discipline of quiet and unhurried meditation can we attain.

Let us go deeper—into the meaning of our discipleship to Jesus Christ. He is not only to be believed, but lived. Let us test ourselves to see if we are following His way of life.

Let us go deeper—into our individual responsibility for passing on to others the blessings which have come through the love of God and the life of Jesus.

So may we come into a new fellowship of joy, of hope and of power, that we may be worthy followers of the risen Lord.

—Elizabeth Cole Fleming, in "Women and Missions."

RISE, heart! Thy Lord is risen! Sing His praise
Without delays.
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With Him mayst rise;
That, as His Death calcinèd thee to dust,
His Life may make thee gold, and much more just!

—George Herbert.

YOUNG WOMEN

THE WAYSIDE CROSS

A wayside cross at set of day
Unto my spirit thus did say:

"O soul, my branching arms you see
Point four ways to infinity.

"One points to infinite above
To show the heights of heavenly love.

"Two point to infinite width which shows
That heavenly love no limit knows.

"One points to infinite beneath
To show God's love is under death.

"The four arms join, an emblem sweet
That in God's heart all loves will meet."

I thanked the cross, as I turned away
For such sweet thoughts in the twilight grey.

—Canon Frederick George Scott.

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

THE message of Easter is always one of hope, because we are reminded that Christ, by His resurrection, has rolled away the stone that barred the entrance to Eternal Life.

In countless churches throughout the world, whether in beautiful cathedrals or in humble log churches, devout worshippers will thrill to the age-old story that has been told, again and again, since the dawn of the first Easter morn. They will sing again those sacred and glorious melodies that during the centuries have been inspired by the grandeur and solemnity of the Easter message—"He is Risen."

From generation to generation the observance of the Resurrection Day goes on. The times and manners may change, but the message of Easter remains the same.

—Fergie D. Holman.

ROMANCE IN A Y.W. AUXILIARY

WHEN addressing a Y.W. Thank-offering meeting recently I was surprised to see a Junior Membership and a seal on the table. Had I made a mistake, and wandered into a Mission Band—but no, the members were certainly all young women. Then the secret came out. There was a tradition of romance afoot in the Auxiliary, which was responsible for the presenting of a Junior Membership to each new baby which came to bless the home of one of the members. Seals are added as the years go by, so that the children of this Auxiliary should be Life Members by the time they reach Mission Band age. Think of the spirit of missionary enthusiasm which this must foster in the heart of each young mother who feels that her child ''belongs'' as definitely to this great work as she does herself. The member making the presentation claimed that she liked it because it was romantic. Perhaps it is, it is the most beautiful touch of romance I have seen for many a day.—*L. Ballantyne.*

The Top Shelf

THERE'S a wonderful place well known to us all,
It's high, perhaps lofty, and not very small,
But always too full, overflowing itself
With treasures forgotten—it is the ''Top Shelf.''

Some things that you loved once, and still you adore,
And can't throw away, although useful no more;
The fashion has changed—that fickle young elf!
So what can you do? Put them back on the shelf!

Those pieces and covers, old photographs too,
''Oh dear! that one surely was never like you?''
That plate which was broken was one of the best!
Can't mend it just now—put it up with the rest!

So there they all lie, and perhaps once a year
We try when spring-cleaning to have a good clear,
But it needs a removal to shake out the lot
And ruthlessly clear all the things you forgot.

It may be our lives are a little like this:
Old friends and old scenes that were once full of bliss
Have faded away with our hopes and our fears,
Like things we have loved they are shelved with the years.
And thus when I'm old, it may be with myself:
Dear God, don't forget me when on the Top Shelf!

A Scot,
Lausanne. —*in The Woman's Guild.*

GIRLS *and* LEADERS

Springtime

HAS it ever occurred to you how fitting it is for Easter to come in the springtime, the resurrection season of the year? As Mary Webb has expressed it in her poem, ''The Vision'':

''In the busy tongues of spring
There's an angel carolling.
Kneeling low in any place,
We may see the Father's face.''

Think how true this is when the blue sky is fleeced with sunlit clouds, the bare branches budded with the promise of leaf, the driest, brownest bulb bursting into bloom! A new life and beauty is springing up from the frozen heart of winter. All about us this wonderful change is evident; and it is but an outward illustration of what Easter is able to do within our cold, indifferent hearts and throughout our careless, self-centred lives.

At Christmas time it seems so easy to follow the example of the shepherds and to worship at the manger in Bethlehem. Also we enjoy emulating the wise men in the bestowal of gifts because of the little Christ-child. Now at this sacred season will we not become familiar with the climax of Christ's story? Will we not follow the example of the disciples and kneel beside His tomb, and like Mary, bring gifts—myrrh and sweet spices, the symbol of gratitude, penitence and love? so our hearts may be made ready for the resurrection morning when we sing:

''Christ the Lord is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high
Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply.''

In India

Spring is having its way in the awakening of India's womanhood. Recently the Rev. Stanley Jones, D.D., missionary and author of ''Christ of the Indian Road'', and ''Christ of the Round Table'', visited Toronto and spoke to several interested audiences. In his address to representatives of the various Women's Boards, he made a striking comparison between a group of women encountered in India twenty-six years ago and a similar group to-day. When as a young missionary he was invited to speak to the women of a certain palace, he entered a room to find himself confronted by a screen behind which he could catch the tinkle of bangles and beneath which he glimpsed the sparkle of jewelled slippers. As for his listeners, they were as invisible as they were silent. To-day, such a group of women face him openly and question him with such frank intelligence that he must needs keep all his wits about him. Springtime is also seed time.

In China

That China has made a great deal of progress in the last twenty years, measured according to standards of Western civilization, and that its women have made a notable contribution in this respect were points stressed by Princess Der Ling, speaking in Toronto recently to a large gathering.

''Garbed in the picturesque formal court dress of a Manchu Princess, with high bejewelled headdress and Manchurian shoes, Princess Der Ling, author of several books, formerly first lady-in-waiting to the Dowager Empress of China, and now resident of New York, held her audience spellbound as she told the fascinating story of China, the old and the new; its political struggles, the changes brought about after the union of China and Manchuria in 1644—before which Manchuria was a separate dynasty—the emancipation of Chinese women, which she attributed in part to their contact with Western civilization, their final revolt against age-old customs, which denied them the rights and privileges enjoyed by women of other nations and imposed upon them many hardships, and their ultimate victory on many points.''

''In the last 20 years women have forged ahead until to-day we have woman lawyers, doctors, newspaper writers and editors, teachers, bankers and movie people,'' she said, adding, naively: ''We even have a Chinese Mary Pickford.'' A few years ago education was unknown among women generally, professionalism not to be thought of, and even among the higher classes education among women means reading a little poetry, doing a little painting and learning to obey one's husband and mother-in-law, she said.

Naturally strong resentment met the women's movement for education and women's suffrage. Chinese newspapers ran leading editorials urging the suppression of the women. A climax was reached in 1913 when at Pekin 500 women invaded a certain newspaper and very forcibly impressed upon the editor—''an ardent disciple of Confucius''—that women's opinions must be respected. ''And from that day to this Chinese newspapers dare not criticize women,'' said Princess Der Ling.

—M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

EASTER PROGRAMME

MRS. J. D. PERKINS, TORONTO

Opening Hymn—''All people that on earth do dwell.'' Verse 3. (Tune—Old Hundred).

Silent Prayer—(While heads are bowed someone softly sings):

Hear us, O God, we pray,
As we meet here to-day,
O Love Divine, show us Thy way,
And bless us, and with us stay.
(Tune—''Breathe on me breath of God'').

Leader—What do we mean by Easter?

Band—Easter is a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, the day when we are all glad because Christ rose from the grave.

All Sing—

Easter has a joyous ring,
Hallelujah, let us sing,
Jesus from the grave arose,
With a triumph o'er his foes.

Chorus

Happy, happy, Easter,
Happy, happy, Easter,
Happy, happy Easter time,
When Jesus Christ arose.
(Tune—''Jesus Loves Me'').

Member—Matthew 28: 6. ''He is not here: for He is risen.''

Solo—''Low in the grave He lay.'' Verse 1.

John 20: 20—''Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.''

Solo—''Christ the Lord is risen to-day.'' Verse 1. (Tune—St. George's Windsor).

Revelation 1: 18—''I am He that liveth, and, behold, I am alive for evermore.''

All Sing—''Jesus Christ is risen to-day.'' Verse 1. Easter Hymn. (Sing this hymn briskly and joyously).

Leader—"Bring an offering, and come into his courts."—Psalm 96: 8.

Offering.

Easter Story.

Prayer by Member—"Dear Father, we pray for the lands that do not know the meaning of Easter. Help us to do all we can to spread Thy Gospel among those who know Thee not. Amen."

Prayer by Second Member—"Dear Jesus, bless all the boys and girls in our Mission Band. May they be loyal and true to Thee every day. We have so much to be thankful for at this happy Easter time. Help us to send missionaries and money to the little children who have never heard of Thy love for them. Amen."

Closing Hymn—"Gracious Father, hear our prayer." 2 verses. (Tune —Dona Nobis Pacem).

To be sung softly and prayerfully. After second verse is sung, while the piano softly plays the tune, the members hum it, ending by singing the Amen.

THE STORY OF THE DRAGON-FLIES

THERE they all were talking away at a great rate at the very bottom of the big pond, a family of curious little grubs.

"What I want to know is this," said the liveliest one, "what kind of a world is it on top of our pond."

"I've often wondered," said another, "and I tried to get up there, but couldn't reach it."

"Let's stay content where we are," said the oldest grub. "If we knew it might not make us happy. I don't want to know."

"But I do," persisted the first grub. "And I, and I," echoed two others.

"Well, here comes Mr. Frog, ask him," said the oldest grub, "he goes up there every day. He can tell us."

The old frog blinked his great eyes and looked very wise. "Oh, it's a wonderful world, if you really want to know," he said. "Nothing like the bottom of this pond. There's sunshine and blue sky and flowers and green grass and rocks and trees."

"It must be wonderful," sighed the grubs. "If we could only go."

"Well," said the frog, "I believe you do, when you are ready. I saw a wonderful sight up there this very day. It was one of you grub fellows I saw there. I was hopping about on the edge of the pond and what should I see but one of you grubs on a polished stalk of a bulrush. He was making his way slowly up into the sunshine, when suddenly, I can't tell how it happened, a big crack came in his body. Then he began to struggle and, while I looked at him, there came out of his cracked coat a radiant dragon-fly with gauzy wings and shiny body. Off he flew into the sunshine, but the grub was gone. I saw him no more.''

At this tale the grub family fairly gasped with astonishment.

''It's just a fairy tale,'' said the oldest grub.

''If we only knew,'' said the smallest grub.

''You'll know some day, all right,'' said the frog as he hopped away.

Not long after the oldest grub said to the others: ''Friends, I feel very strange. Something tells me I am going up to the other world, on top of our pond.''

''Oh, will you come back and tell us what you find?'' asked the others. ''Be certain of it,'' said the oldest grub. ''And even if I don't come back, remember this, I will never forget you. I'll be there in the sunshine waiting for you to come to me.'' So he said good-bye to all the rest, and they watched him go up, up slowly out of sight.

''He is sure to come back,'' they said. ''We can count on it.'' But the days passed and he didn't come. ''What can have happened?'' asked the grubs in the bottom of the pond. ''He must have died in that world above the pond.''

''I think he is a dragon-fly,'' said the wisest grub. ''I believe some day we'll all be dragon-flies, and when we get to the top we will find him waiting for us there in the sunshine. He can never forget us, he loved us too much.'' And so it was, as one by one the grubs said good-bye to the others and left for the world above the pond, they found the grubs that had gone before waiting for them and flying about, radiant dragon-flies, joyously happy in God's glorious sunshine.—*The Record.*

Mission Band Scrap Book Competition

Study scrap books for the competition may be sent in any time now and must be in the office not later than May 15th. They are to be sent to Mrs. A. R. Riddell, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario. Each book must be clearly marked on the back page with the name of the Band and an address to which to return the book. The prize will be presented at the Council Meeting in Montreal. —*B. K. Riddell.*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

SYNOPSIS OF LECTURE IV.

THE WELL-BALANCED PROGRAMME OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE importance of diet in relation to correct physical growth and development is a much discussed question to-day. The wise mother plans well-balanced, attractive meals for her children in order that their bodies will grow strong and healthy. The wise leader plans well-balanced, attractive missionary programmes for her Band in order to develop their Christian character. What constitutes such a programme is the subject for discussion in this lesson. We will think of the word programme in its broadest sense which means the entire time the children are with us, and all we do and work with in that time.

In what kind of activities should our children engage in a well-balanced missionary programme? Let us consider Jesus' unique programme of work in Nazareth and Galilee long ago. The programme of Jesus included **worship** and **study.** Think of the hours He spent in quiet worship with God on the mountainside or in the garden. Think of the time Jesus must have spent in meditation and study by Himself, and in the Temple and Synagogue School, in order to know better God's plan and His place in it. Jesus' programme also included **fellowship** and **service.** Think how He mingled with the men and women and children of His day and how He served them. If our children are to follow Jesus, it is not too soon for them to engage in His kind of activities.

Worship, Mission Study, Fellowship, Service should be used by us to form our programme for Mission Band work. All four are necessary for a well-balanced plan. The order, also length of time allowed for each, will vary in different sessions. This will add to the attractiveness, for children love variety and surprises.

Should all four activities be used in every programme? The answer is both yes and no. The programme should be planned to help your own group, their special need, their age and capacity should always be considered. It should be remembered that study or work periods that are too long are unattractive to children.

The question of organization, officers to guide the Band, and equipment (study helps, materials to be used in the meetings, etc.), should be carefully considered. Every Band of any size has its leaders which constitute the adult staff. The leader, with, if possible, a few assistant leaders, have charge of the various age groups. The officers of the Band may be elected from among the children. Reports, announcements and all matters of business should be conducted in a business-like way.

The room and equipment are important. Every room can be clean and airy and should be made as attractive as possible, the equipment should be the best that can be obtained.

In planning our programmes let us always keep before us the four essentials **Worship, Mission Study, Fellowship, Service.**

—B. K. Riddell.

The above outline is based on the fourth lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the fifth lecture is "The Period for Worship."

This course is now complete and may be secured for 35c. from the W.M.S. Publications Office, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2, Ontario.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—At a get-together meeting of the Calgary Presbyterial at the home of Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. J. A. Bell reported the re-organization of a Mission Band at the North Hill Church, with an enthusiastic group of girls, and Miss Violet Scott reported many calls made to hospitals and shut-ins. Lantern views of our overseas work, mission hospitals, schools and residences in Canada were shown at Grace Church meeting. An enjoyable paper on the ''Religions of the East,'' was read by Mrs. Moody. Miss Scott was a special visitor at the first meeting of the North Hill W.M.S. when Mrs. Donaldson, retiring from the presidency after nine years of faithful service, was presented with a lovely silver cake basket. In thanking the women for this gift Mrs. Donaldson asked the members to make the work of the W.M.S. a subject of daily prayer. There was a large attendance of Auxiliary members, Home Helpers and Young Women.

Edmonton P.S.—The representatives of all the organizations which make up the Edmonton Presbyterial gathered in the lecture hall of First Presbyterian Church, on February 6th, for the 20th annual meeting. Mrs. Allott and delegates were gladly welcomed. Mrs. Sykes, presided over the three sessions. Greetings were brought from the Presbytery by Dr. Roxborough and Dr. Osborn. The Secretary in reporting a very successful year, both spiritually and financially, said: ''Our work is so well organized and our Secretaries so faithful, that there is not a human need nor a spiritual uplift that our Society does not try to meet. Beginning with our Mission Bands with a membership of 361 contributing $162.20, besides preparing gifts for other children, we pass on to our girls' organizations numbering 7 with 263 members who also were very busy with supply work. The Y.W.A. of First Church in addition to gifts of clothing valued at $83 gave $100 towards the allocation and a special gift of $50 to Miss Burdick of Formosa. The Home Helpers Department is worthy of special mention having 187 members contributing $358.32. The Literature, Library, Supply, Welcome and Welfare, *Glad Tidings,* Exchange and Lantern Slide Secretaries all gave excellent reports. The Treasurer reported $1,460, the gifts including sums sent from little groups which were gifts of love and sacrifice. The Special Fund with Mrs. Hahn as Treasurer raised over $100. Miss Brent, the new Girls' Secretary was welcomed. The evening session was of special interest to the young people with Miss Norma Cuthbertson and Miss Rosetta Moors in charge and girls of each of the city churches assisting. Edmonton Presbyterial have a Lantern Slide Secretary and feel that since her appointment greater interest has been taken in this department and many sets are being used.

Macleod P.S. held a well-attended two session meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, January 18th. Delegates were present from Vulcan, Granum, Jumbo Valley, Diamond City, Macleod, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, and all felt that much needed inspiration was received. The President, Mrs. Harback, Vulcan, presided and gave a review of the year's work.

Reports showed that, although progress and achievement were not as great as last year, results were very gratifying, considering existing conditions.

A motion was forwarded to the Provincial, asking that W.M.S. Sunday be observed in all of our Churches, so that our work might be brought before more of our Church members and adherents.

A letter was sent to the Provincial Board, thanking them for making it possible for so many Auxiliaries to hear Miss Burdick's inspiring accounts of the work in Formosa.

It was agreed that, instead of the semi-annual meeting, usually held in September, the President visit all Auxiliaries. It was felt that all the members would derive great benefit from this plan and that the President would become better acquainted with the members.

An enjoyable address was given by the Rev. J. N. Hepburn, newly-inducted minister of St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, on the subject, ''Persistence, Timidity, and Giving.''

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE World Day of Prayer was well attended throughout the Province, the Presbyterian women taking an active part. In several places the service was held in Presbyterian Churches. Young women and girls' organizations also observed the day and used the programme prepared for them.

Kootenay P.S.—Creston Auxiliary reports a very good year. The study book was supplemented with missionary papers and news items by members. The visit of Miss Burdick gave the personal touch so vital in the work. Appeals for supplies met a generous response. The ''Douglas'' Mission Band, newly organized, is growing and the ''Ellen Dow'' Auxiliary has been re-organized and promises well.

The Sinclair Y.W.M.S., Cranbrook, at their first meeting, elected their officers and planned for future gatherings.

Victoria P.S.—The annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, January 17th, with a full attendance of officers and members. The reports from the different Societies on the Island were presented and were, on the whole, very gratifying. Splendid work had been done in young people's organizations, particularly Mission Bands and Young Women's Societies. Although the allocation was not reached the members feel God has been with them in a very real way. Mrs. A. G. McDonald, President, owing to recent bereavement and ill health, was unable to continue in office, and her resignation was accepted with great regret. Mrs. Wm. Sanders, of Victoria, was elected in her place. The members are looking forward to a year of even greater work for the Master.

Westminster P.S. 20th annual meeting convened in Central Church, February 13th, the President, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, in the chair. After devotional exercises, departmental reports were presented. Miss Blyth, Provincial Deaconess and organizer of Sunday Schools, and Miss Yeandle, Deaconess to the Chinese, gave interesting outlines of their departments of work. Greetings from Central Church were conveyed by Rev. J. M. MacGillivray.

The President, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, who is resigning after four years of untiring service, gave a most helpful address, urging the members to face the new year with courage and hope. Mrs. R. J. Douglas gave a most interesting talk on her daughter's work in India, giving excerpts from letters relating incidents in her varied activities.

The election and installation of officers was presided over by Mrs. Herd, Provincial President, who gave wise counsel and emphasized the importance of each office. Changes in officers: President, Mrs. John McPherson; Mission Band Sec., Miss E. Acheson; Press Sec., Miss B. Duffield Anderson.

At the evening session an effective and much enjoyed missionary pageant was given by the Y.W.A., of Kerrisdale. Greetings were brought from the Synod. Rev. R. C. Acheson, Vancouver Heights, gave the address. The meeting closed with prayer. The general feeling was that it was a banner Presbyterial gathering.

The Y.W.A. of Central Church, Vancouver, met at the home of Miss Sybil White. An appeal was made for magazines and clothing. Miss E. D. McIntosh will represent the Society on the Budget Committee of Central Church. Mrs. Herd, Provincial President, gave a survey of the work. Miss E. Woodward spoke to the Central Church Auxiliary on the work of the ''Japan Evangelistic Band,'' in Japan.

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SUPERIOR P.S.—The World Day of Prayer was observed in Fort William, the meetings being held in Wesley United and St. Thomas Anglican Churches. The C.G.I.T. girls held their meeting in St. Andrew's S.S. Hall. These meetings were very well attended by the women and girls from all the churches in the city. The meeting in Port Arthur was held in the Salvation Army Hall.

The ''Margaret Hogarth'' Band are busy with scrap books. The ''McKay'' Band, Port Arthur, are busy sewing. The Y.W. Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. are already preparing for the bales.

The annual Presbyterial meeting was held February 27th in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The President, Mrs. Ballantyne, conducted the devotions. Mrs. D. L. Cranston, Port Arthur, gave an instructive address on Prayer. The President, in her address, dwelt on the work of the Presbyterial since its inception, over twenty years ago, and urged all to greater endeavor. The Rev. G. C. Shearer gave a very instructive and interesting address on the Church in Saskatchewan. At the supper hour greetings were brought from the Moderator of Presbytery and other ministers. At the evening service greetings were read from the Very Reverend H. R. Grant, D.D., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in which he pointed out the great part the women have in stimulating an interest in the missionary enterprises of the Church and procuring funds to carry them on, and added, ''Without the women there is not a Church in Canada or the world that would not be poorer.'' The Rev. W. McCleary, Fort Frances, was the guest speaker, and Mrs. K. MacKay gave the closing message. The reports were very encouraging. The banner for the largest comparative attendance was won by ''Mackay'' Mission Band, Port Arthur; that for highest giving by the ''Janet E. Smellie'' Band, Port Arthur. Mrs. Cundy was elected President.

Brandon P.S.—At the January meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, the special prayer service as outlined in the *Glad Tidings* was followed. The scripture readings and prayers were taken by Auxiliary members, and the address was given by the pastor, Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn. The long and devoted service of Mrs. J. A. Gray, the retiring President, was recognized by presenting her with a Life Membership Certificate.

At the January meeting of St. Paul's Church W.M.S., Hartney, the President, Mrs. Perrin, gave a review of the year's work. An interesting paper was given by Mrs. Mills, entitled, ''Jerusalem to Jerusalem''.

Correction.—We regret that the dates given for the annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial Society were incorrect. They should have been March 21st and 22nd, not March 14th and 15th.—Ed.

ONTARIO

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Provincial Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, April 17th, 18th, 19th

Programme High Lights—Tuesday 2.30 p.m., Opening Session, President's Address, Interesting Reports; 7.30 p.m., Young People's—Speakers: Miss Burdick, Formosa; Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary. Wednesday a.m., National Missions, Presbyterial Hour; Afternoon, Financial Hour, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Mrs. G. F. Clark, Address Miss Jean McLean, Japan; 7.30 p.m., Address Rev. J. G. Inkster, D.D., Toronto. Thursday a.m., Reports; Afternoon, Business. Election of Officers, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant.

Railway Information

Going tickets and certificates will be issued from April 12th to 18th, inclusive. Properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for return journey up to and including April 23rd. Delegates must buy single first class ticket asking at time of purchase for standard certificate. To secure rate the delegates whose tickets cost 75c. or more must adhere to this.

It is Easter; again, O God, we see the beauty of
Thy earth, the wonder of eternity.

FOR the first time in history, London Presbyterial met in St. George's Church, London; all departments in excellent condition, with Welcome and Welfare reporting 115 new members added to church rolls. *Glad Tidings* Secretary reported many comments of appreciation on this fine magazine. The Treasurer reported an increase in givings, 16 Auxiliaries exceeding their allocations, Mission Bands also exceeded last year's givings. In the discussion following, Miss Lamont urged the women to think of their allocation as an ''opportunity, not a tax'' and in her address stressed the value of work among the children and girls. Rev. M. Zeidman was guest speaker.

Mrs. D. Ritchie, Sarnia, brought a ''message from some of our hymns''. A memorial service for the members who had died, was conducted by Mrs. S. W. Crabbe, London.

The annual meeting of Paris Presbyterial was held in Alexandra Church, Brantford. Enthusiasm prevailed. Next year the Presbyterial celebrates its 50th anniversary. All reports were excellent, the advance in membership, givings, and interest in Young Women's Societies was a cause for rejoicing; Supply department best in years; Special Campaign Fund in good condition. The Presbyterial honored their President, Mrs. R. C. Campbell, with an Honorary Membership. The stimulating influence and interest of Mission Bands in Seals and Certificates, given to deserving workers, added materially to Presbyterial funds. Mrs.

K. B. Schroeder, Toronto, gave inspiring addresses and helpful suggestions. At the young people's session the C.G.I.T. presented a missionary pageant. A thrilling address from Miss Alma Burdick, Formosa, completed one of the most original and interesting meetings in the history of the Presbyterial. Miss Bertha Robson was elected Honorary President. A short memorial service was held for the late Miss Kirton.

At the January Executive of Saugeen Presbyterial, gratifying reports of the year's work were received, increased givings were noted in Senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries, the annual meeting will be held in Harriston in May.

No gloom pervaded the annual Presbyterial meeting at Stratford. The motto adopted for 1934, ''Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,'' was timely and reassuring. An increase in zeal, courage and prayerfulness was evident. Two Honorary memberships were presented worthy Presbyterial officers. Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Toronto, cheered and inspired the workers with a talk on the ''Needs of our Mission Fields.'' The historical committee are arranging for the Golden Jubilee celebration next October. Listowel Senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries, at a joint meeting, honored two of their workers, Mrs. E. G. McDonald and Mrs. J. Charnny, with Life Membership Certificates.

Hamilton Presbyterial meeting, in Dundas, was well attended. A Young People's rally was held in St. John's Church, Hamilton, addressed by Miss Pelton, who also addressed a session in Dundas. A marked increase in Young Women's work was noted. The senior C.G.I.T. presented a pageant. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Toronto, and Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto, addressed the meetings. The W.M.S. Auxiliary, of Westminster Church, Hamilton, held a successful get-together tea, which added 11 new members to the Society.

Guelph writes that they have sent copies of their splendid annual reports to their Auxiliaries as a source of inspiration.

Ottawa Presbyterial met in St. Giles Church, Ottawa. Meetings were most encouraging. Monday was devoted to young people's work, with Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, giving the address on ''Beauty''. This department reported increased givings with St. Giles Auxiliary more than doubling its allocation. The speakers were Rev. J. A. Koffend, Mrs. J. Williams and Mrs. J. R. Hill. Splendid financial statements were given. Rev. A. J. Black presided in the evening. The ever interesting question-box was in the care of Mrs. C. H. Thorburn. An interesting item of the programme, read by Mrs. Hill, was ''Early Presbyterian Days'', a document preserved and handed down by the late Mrs. John Thorburn. Knox Church Auxiliary, Ottawa, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. An interesting event was the unveiling of a framed roll of Charter Members, six of whom were present. The birthday cake with its forty candles was donated by one of these, while daughters of charter members conducted the devotions. Greetings were received from Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, daughter of one.

Bowmanville was the setting for the annual meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial. Rev. W. J. Todd welcomed the delegates. Reports evidenced progress in organization and general activities. Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, was the guest speaker, with Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, addressing the girls.

Observance of the Women's Day of Prayer and World Day of Prayer was general throughout Barrie Presbyterial, meetings being addressed by Rev. J. A. MacInnes, Orillia, Rev. Wm. MacMillan, Collingwood, and Rev. J. S. Shortt, D.D., Barrie. The Executive met in Barrie when departmental reports on the year's work were received, and plans for present year's work outlined. All reports were enthusiastic and indicative of the keen interest manifest in this Presbyterial.

A Correction

The notice of the 25th anniversary of Bear Creek Auxiliary stated that services were held in the homes until 1885, when the first church was built. This date should have been 1855.—Ed.

QUEBEC

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MONTREAL P.S. held its twentieth annual meeting February 6th and 7th, in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, the President, Mrs. A. W. Pae, presiding. Despite intense cold 354 members registered, an increase of 45 over 1932.

Mrs. F. Scott Mackenzie welcomed delegates and friends, expressing regret at the absence, through illness, of the Rev. Dr. Donald, pastor of the Church, and Mrs. Donald. Greetings from the Provincial Board were conveyed by the President, Miss C. E. Cameron.

The Corresponding Secretary reported 35 Auxiliaries with 1,230 members; 24 Y.W. Auxiliaries and Associate Groups, 401 members; 30 Teen-age Groups, 320 members; 25 Mission Bands, 654 members; Home Helpers 927; total membership 3,532, increase 14. Many Auxiliaries expressed appreciation for the visits of missionaries, many record the death of faithful members, in whose memory, later in the proceedings, a memorial hymn was sung. The Treasurer reported $14,155 forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer—less than the desired amount. Fifteen Auxiliaries reached and 7 exceeded their allocation. Stating for the Exchange Department that names of missionaries to be remembered in prayer had been sent to Senior and Y.W. Auxiliaries, Mrs. W. D. Reid urged that the new year be made one of ''prayer without ceasing.'' Subscribers to *Glad Tidings* 1,431, a decrease of 133. Home Helpers enrolled 131 new members. Total contributions, $1,399.44 which includes

$34.13 from Y.W. Auxiliaries. Library Department distributed over 1,500 books and magazines. Literature sales constitute a record, $492.36, an increase of $63.81. A definite trend toward books of devotion and inspiration is noticeable. Five Honorary, 28 Life Memberships, 8 In Memoriam Certificates, 5 Junior, 3 gold seals were issued. On completion of the fifth payment one Mission Band member became a Life Member. A decrease in Junior Certificates is noted.

Supplies valued at $1,407.70 were received. Twelve complete outfits and cheque for $60 were sent to Birtle Indian Residential School and helpful supplies to other needy places. Hospital visits and little deeds of kindness and of love were mentioned by Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. In the Y.W. Department 6 new Auxiliaries and a Leaders' Fellowship were organized; total membership 401, increase of 156. Contributions increased by $66.15. Supplies valued at $561.87 and $40.25 cash were received.

In the report of Girls' work special references were made to the visit of Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary. Due to her efforts work was organized in several churches and a successful Rally held. A training class for leaders with attendance of 26 was also carried on.

There are 26 Mission Bands—an increase of 2, with 688 members. Contributions $426.24. Supplies from Mission Bands and Girls' organizations increased; value from 16 Bands and 2 Girls' Groups $259.80.

Special Campaign Fund $822.28. Shortage $259.28.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Pae delivered her Presidential address. Miss MacMurchy's address dealt with the practical work carried on by the W.M.S. Miss Ada E. Adams, of Formosa, gave an interesting account of her kindergarten work and told of many developments under Japanese rule. She spoke again at the evening meeting which was addressed by Rev. Norman MacLeod, D.D., acting Moderator of the General Assembly. Rev. James Adams, B.A., B.Th., Moderator of Montreal Presbytery, conducted the devotions and brought greetings.

Miss Agnes Dickson led the devotions at the closing session. Miss MacMurchy gave a short address, impressing the need for Bible study. The election of officers was followed by the Consecration prayer.

Changes in Secretaries: Mission Band, Mrs. George Stevenson; Girls' Work, Miss Margaret Mackersie; Literature, Miss E. M. King.

Quebec P.S.—February 8th was an epoch-making date to the ladies of the Quebec Presbyterial who met in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, to hear the messages of their guest speakers, Miss MacMurchy, President of the W.M.S., and Miss Ada E. Adams, of Formosa.

There was a very good attendance. The President, Mrs. W. R. Price, was in the chair. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. M. McIvor and Mrs. J. McKelvie. Words of welcome were given by Mrs.

W. H. Harris, the reply being read by Mrs. Martin, of Gould, for Mrs. Johnstone, Quebec City.

Miss MacMurchy answered many questions and gave helpful suggestions to the leaders of all departments. The reports from the Departmental Secretaries and Recording Secretary showed an increase in almost every branch of the work. The closing prayer was by Mrs. Andrew MacDonald.

The afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. W. MacIver, and Mrs. L. Hughes. Miss MacMurchy brought greetings from the Council Executive and gave a stirring message dealing with all branches of missionary enterprise. Miss Adams, supervisor of our kindergarten work in Formosa, gave an address and later spoke to the Excelsior Mission Band. She reported 300 in the kindergartens in the 7 different centres. She explained that, since superstition made it hard for some of the people to progress in religion, the kindergarten was a means of contact between the teachers and the home, and that they had had great co-operation from the parents.

SASKATCHEWAN

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THE Provincial annual meeting of the W.M.S. will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, April 4th and 5th. Mrs. A. Barkley, 305-9th St., Saskatoon, is convener of the billeting committee, and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina, is convener of the programme committee.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, have outlined a year's programme following the study book in parts, and featuring a Bible study course for the year, the general theme being ''Pathways to God.'' Miss L. Macarthur had charge of the first Bible study lesson for the year, and took as her topic ''Nature as a Pathway to God.'' The hymns and prayers were in harmony with the theme under discussion. At this, the opening lesson of the course, a very high standard was set for the year's course of Bible study. Mrs. S. Farley, who has been in charge of sending literature to the Chinese families in Saskatchewan and who has established friendly contacts with many Chinese families, spoke with first hand information on Chinese work in Canada.

The sub-executive of Saskatoon Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, Mrs. Grant, President, presided. The reports of the different departments were presented and while some discouraging features were brought out there were others which more than counterbalanced these. Several spoke of an increased missionary interest, one group in particular keeps up a very definite interest in Miss Hermanson and corresponds frequently with her. The Executive was greatly cheered and encouraged with the reports.

Treasurer's Statement

January and February, 1934

RECEIPTS

A Friend	$ 25.00
A Friend, "Chinese work in Toronto	20.00
Miss Hay, "Women's Ward, Jobat Hospital, India"	25.00
Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, "Women's Ward, Jobat Hospital, India"	23.75
Miss I. McDonald, Ottawa, "Work in Northern Ontario"	5.00
Young Women's Auxiliary, Edmonton, "Student Movement Fund, Formosa"	50.00
Sunday School of St. Andrew's Ch., Huntingdon, "South Porcupine Hospital"	3.00
Mrs. J. H. Thomson, "Maintenance for pupil in Vegreville Residence"	60.00
Government Grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Residence	4,616.33
Government Grant for Mistawasis Day School	202.50
Refund from Miss Burdick, Deputation Work	43.05
Rent from W.M.S. Eastern Division for Bungalow, in Japan	30.00
Refund from British Columbia Provincial on Presbyterial Executive Expenses	170.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Ontario	1,400.00
	$6,673.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 491.64
Canora	1,481.19
Vegreville	475.82
Chinese in Canada	1,465.30
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	1,257.32
Government Grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	4,616.33
Birtle Indian Residential School	1,240.68
Mistawasis Indian Day School	255.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	154.16
Prince Albert	425.32
New Liskeard	133.32
Saskatoon	205.41
Vegreville	591.66
Welcome and Welfare	2,570.00
Publications	1,196.70
Organization	1,462.32
Library	65.02
Lantern Slides	4.25
Deputation	185.55
Pensions	233.32
Miscellaneous	95.00
Formosa	4,970.32
India, Bhil Field	297.16
Jhansi Field	60.00
Japan	2,084.92
Exchange	112.65
Supplies	5.65
Administration	1,238.09
* Church Treasurer for Board of Missions	1,600.00
	$28,974.10

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* $1,000.00 was given for British Guiana because of the work the Church is doing in re-organizing the W.M.S. work there and because the W.M.S. had made no contribution to this Field in 1933. $200.00 was given for Jewish work among the women and children because we are not able to support a W.M.S. worker. $400.00 was given for Church work in the West for 1933. This amount was taken from the balance of receipts over expenditures for 1933 and was paid through the Church Treasurer for the General Board of Missions.

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Legacy from the Estate of Miss Mary Snively	$ 500.00	
Legacy from the Estate of Mary Broadbent, through Duart Auxiliary, "Nurses' Home Jobat, India."..	3,000.00	
Legacy through Uxbridge Auxiliary, "Hospital Room for Missionaries, Jobat, India."	250.00	
Gift from Mrs. Jos. Henderson, Toronto, "Balance of Maternity Ward, Jobat Hospital, India"	500.00	
Payment on McCrea property, Vegreville, Alta.	113.70	
Interest on Legacy Bonds	112.50	
		$4,419.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Refund to National and Overseas Missionaries on Salaries (Sustaining Fund)	$1,974.83

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Ontario

Kingston P.S.—(page 160)—Pres., Mrs. H. R. Duff, 468 Princess St., Kingston; Exchange Sec., Mrs. C .E. Bateman, 77 Queen St., Belleville.

QUITE AN IDEA

THE Koreans in Shimoneseki, Japan, are trying to raise funds to build a Church. Pastor Oh originated the idea of getting handkerchiefs and printing on one corner a picture of the proposed Church building, and on the opposite corner the name of the Church and a verse of Scripture (John 8: 12). These will sell at 10 sen each which is about 3 cents.

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WE are indebted to the Editor of the *Link and Visitor,* the organ of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario West, for the beautiful cut: Christ is Risen, which forms the frontispiece of this, our Easter magazine.—EDITOR.

ON Easter Morn the Master rose,
Leaving His earthly prison,
And not a single human eye
Beheld the Mystic Vision.
Only the little wayside flowers
Waked, wondering, in the early hours
And whispered: "He is risen!"

—*R. R. C.*

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Manitoba

Winnipeg P.S.—Associate Y.W. Society, First Ch., Winnipeg.

Ontario

Algoma P.S.—M.B., St. Paul's Ch., Sault Ste. Marie.

Hamilton P.S.—Chalmers Band, Hamilton, last year listed as a Young Women's Associate Auxiliary.

Lindsay P.S.—M.B., Kirkfield.

London P.S.—Y.W.A., Burns Ch., Kilmartin; North Nissouri M.B.

Paris P.S.—Y.W.A., Simcoe.

Peterborough P.S.—M.B., Cobourg.

Orangeville P.S.—Y.W.A., Grand Valley.

Ottawa P.S.—Beginners Band, Bristol; Beginners Band, St. Giles Ch., Ottawa.

Toronto P.S.—Limehouse M.B.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—M.B., St. Andrew and St. Paul Ch., Montreal; M.B., Outremont.

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O GOD OF BETHEL!

O God of Bethel, by Whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

Scottish Paraphrase

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Editorial

Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us

JUBILEE thinking is permeating the whole organization of our Women's Missionary Society during the memorable months of this, our Seventieth Anniversary year, and dear bits of history, fraught with precious sentiment, are being told of the early days. These we cannot afford to lose or forget, and so they have been gathered together for this anniversary number.

Those familiar with facts, and bound to the work by the association and loyalty of a lifetime, have sent the story of the origin and upbuilding, under the guidance of God, of the work undertaken by the Women's Missionary Society in their respective provinces. From the pen of our beloved Mrs. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, we learn of the work in Alberta; Mrs. James Herd, President of British Columbia Provincial Society, gives a résumé of the history of the work in her province; for Manitoba facts, with all their glamor, we are indebted to Mrs. W. J. Martin, of Winnipeg; Ontario has been prepared by our own Miss Jessie Parsons, who occupied the post of Secretary of our Publications for twenty-five years. The history of Quebec Provincial came from the pen of Mrs. I. C. Sharp, our beloved and gifted Honorary President, whose record of service as an official of this Society stretches back thirty-seven years. It is her last message to us for, on April 10th, she heard the "Well Done" of her Lord. The history of Saskatchewan comes from Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Regina, President of Saskatchewan Provincial W.M.S., and daughter of Mrs. Shortreed, President of the

W.F.M.S. from 1897-09, and no one is better qualified by inheritance and natural ability to speak of the history of our Society. Other features are ''Our Magazine Tree'', and suitable messages on this anniversary year for our Young Women, Girls and Children.

With our thoughts directed by these historic sketches to the mothers of the missionary enterprise of long ago who made the present day achievements possible, it seems fitting, in this Mother's Day month of May, also to pay tribute by special articles to our mothers. In all the wide world no women are greater than they who are the crowned mothers of their children.

While we think with gratitude of the glory of the past accomplishments of the Women's Missionary Society, and listen to the challenge of the future, let us not forget that the present is *our* day of duty, the hour of *our* golden opportunity, and that if we are to secure the results of the great sacrifices and services of the women who have given their lives throughout these past seventy years we must enter in and hold the ground they have taken and move forward to possess the land which the Lord our God has set before us. It is as yet only a Promised Land; it will not be ours, it cannot be His until we have measured up to the opportunity.

As one writer says: ''We can attain any height if we enlist under the banner of a great motive, bend our wills to an overmastering passion for a worthy ideal and unite our constructive faculties on measures that embody an essential purpose.'' And the great purpose for all who call themselves Christians is the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

The General Board of Missions

THE General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada convened in St. Andrew's Institute, Toronto, March 21st. Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., of Guelph, acting chairman, presided, with Dr. A. S. Grant as Secretary. It was one of the most memorable meetings in its history. With a Dominion-wide representation and an outlook far beyond the confines of Canada, this body, including ministers and elders, representatives of the Women's Missionary Societies (Eastern and Western Division), Synodical missionaries and overseas missionaries, forty in all, set themselves to face the great weight of responsibility which had been laid upon them. The meeting was the largest in recent years, 98 per cent. of the Board being present.

In these days when it seems the customary thing to emphasize the ''present financial depression and deficits'' it was a relief to hear the Treasurer, Mr. E. W. McNeill, say: ''The Church throughout has done better this year than the year before and I see a silver lining in the cloud.'' And as hour followed hour there was unfolded to the Board by Synodical missionaries and members a tale of opportunities that made the listeners glow with the thought of the work lying before the Presbyterian Church which has always been the Church of the pioneer. The only drawback was the ever present warning of the Secretary, Dr. Grant, that there could be no advancement this year, but that we could, would and must *hold the line,* and his ringing challenge, ''This is no time to call Christ back from the frontier fields at home and abroad. Our policy must *be to hold* the lines and not retreat. The Presbyterian Church stands for missions. It was on this our Church was built.''

A period of silence in honor of the late Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., was observed by the members, following the presentation of a resolution by Rev. W. G. Brown, Saskatoon, and Rev. J. M. McGillivray, Vancouver, to the memory of this Christian gentleman, great Churchman, outstanding Canadian citizen, author and brother beloved.

''Holding the Line'' was the note dominating all sessions and particularly those when missionary workers told of the courage, loyalty and heroism being practised in all parts of the Church, and of the unsurmountable difficulties that were being overcome. To instance this:— In British Columbia, Kootenay Presbytery refused to accept a 16 per cent. reduction in its allocation, and exceeded its allocation. Three Churches had been built during the year at Port Alberni, Port Hammond and North Vancouver. With gold seekers scattered throughout the north, and licenses issued to 20,000 miners, the old cariboo trail, the scene of the gold rush of the sixties, is now the scene of another gold trek. The need of the Church to follow with its message the pioneer rancher, lumberman, and miner was stressed by Dr. R. J. Douglas, Synodical Missionary.

''Despite a strenuous year, by the grace of God and the courage of our people, our line still stands unbroken'', was the ringing statement of Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Missionary to Northern Ontario and Manitoba. The growing need in Northern Ontario, through the opening of mineral areas, means new fields and greater opportunity. Tribute was paid to the student missionaries who are doing successful work at every point and to the laymen who year after year ''Hold the Line''. One elder has conducted services for eight years.

A cheery note was that of the 91 students graduated from the two Presbyterian Theological Colleges in the past eight years, all are employed.

Rev. H. R. Horne, reported for Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta, a new Presbytery created in the Peace River district, new Churches under way at Lymburn, Bear Lake and Vegreville, and the Sunday School van doing important work in Northern Saskatchewan. Where two years ago there were no Churches, four new Churches have been dedicated and a fifth is under construction. New Churches were dedicated at Smeaton, Carragana, North Park, Aldergrove, and on the Mistawasis Reserve, the last being erected by the Indians under the leadership of their missionary, Rev. W. Moore.

The response to the call for Western Relief was magnificent. A total of 343 cars of food, fuel, and clothing were sent from outside points, 186 of these, or more than 50 per cent. came from stricken Saskatchewan itself. These were all community cars. The Presbyterian Church Committee of Western Relief in Regina handled and placed over 10 tons of clothing. A special resolution was passed to Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, Toronto, and their assistants in this national service.

''I never had more faith in Western and Northern Canada than I have today'', declared Rev. W. G. Brown.

The Lines are being strengthened in British Guiana and valiantly held in Manchuria where Dr. Goforth, veteran missionary, despite total blindness, and Mrs. Goforth are carrying on a marvellous and ever extending work.

The Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, and the Bhil Field, India, and fascinating Formosa, provided stories of vivid interest touching as they did on the work of hospitals, large and small, schools for boys, girls and women, and the evangelistic work which, after all, is the foundation of all Christian activity, while the work among the Koreans in Japan read like a chapter from the Acts of the Apostles.

National work touched on the activities among the Hungarians, Ukrainians, Jews, Chinese and Indians. ''Scott Institute'', Toronto, under Rev. M. Zeidman, besides carrying on religious services for young and old, served 568,000 meals last year and distributed 45,000 articles of clothing and 5,616 relief baskets.

There were 186 appointments and re-appointments to fields.

The meeting might be summed up in three brief statements. The policy of the Board is: ''Non-retreat''; its slogan, ''Hold the frontier lines''; and its final message from the lips of Dr. Grant, ''Canada is on the verge of the greatest era of prosperity she has ever known.'' It was a great meeting from beginning to end.

Council Meeting

THE Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will celebrate its 70th anniversary in Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, May 29th. Council delegates, greatly lessened, will represent our Society from British Columbia to the Eastern boundaries of the Province of Quebec. Mrs. C. Elliott, President of the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division), the first W.M.S. organized in the Presbyterian Church, will be present and bring greetings, thus the women of the Presbyterian Church will be represented from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The President, Miss MacMurchy, will conduct the opening devotional exercises and preside at all sessions.

The first session opens 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, May 29th. It will be devoted to reports on finance and organization. In the evening, an Historical Presentation, arranged by Miss Laura K. Pelton and Mrs. J. D. Holman, will be given, in Kildonan Hall, by members of the Montreal organizations.

Wednesday morning, publicity and national work will be considered. This session will close with a Service of Remembrance. The afternoon will bring overseas work, and Miss I. McConnell, Jobat, India, and Miss Jean C. McLean, Japan. In the evening, there will be the presentation of the prize pageant, by the girls, also prizes for Mission Band scrap books, and for plays on the study book, by Girls' Organizations.

Thursday morning comes the story of the Candidates, Student, Indian and Chinese work, followed by a noon-day meditation on prayer, led by Miss A. I. Dickson. The afternoon will be devoted to business and the evening will see the big public missionary meeting. Miss Burdick, Formosa, Rev. L. L. Young, Japan, and Rev. H. R. Horne, Regina, will be the speakers. The presentation of medals and bars will be an added feature.

Prayer services precede each day's session. Our members are asked to remember in their devotions this important gathering.

Exhibits will be shown bearing on the work of the National, Overseas, Supply, Young People's and Publications Departments. All meetings are open to the public.

The First President of the W.H.M.S. Passes

THE passing of Mrs. R. S. Smellie, of Toronto, on March 23rd, has brought a sense of loss not only to her immediate family and friends but to all who were associated with her in the missionary cause. It has been said that "Loyalty to one's Church is the very patriotism of the Kingdom of God." The Church was the field of Mrs. Smellie's activities; it was the agency she used as she sought to consecrate her life to the service of others. She loved her Church and gave her great gifts without reservation to its service.

Her missionary activities began in 1898 when she became an active member of the then newly formed Atlin Nurse Committee and later its President. In 1903, when this Committee became the Women's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Smellie was given the highest honor in the gift of the Society by being chosen as the first President, a post she held for several years. She was a valuable member of the Board for many years, a life long member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and for a time its President. And it was one of her greatest joys that her daughter, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, followed in her footsteps as Auxiliary President and first Vice-President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

Mrs. Smellie possessed a singularly sweet and radiant personality that won her friends everywhere, a mind alert and clear and a heart wide open to God in true devotion and to humanity in tender sympathy—qualities that marked her as a natural leader of the women of her Church. She had a great gift of inspiring confidence. Those who were associated with her in the early days attribute their present interest in missionary work to her encouragement and example. In appreciation of what Mrs. Smellie was and what she did the Women's Missionary Society will ever hold her name in honor, and point to her as one who, in the pioneer days, was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Our deep sympathy goes out to her husband and daughters in the loss of one so beloved, but, with them, we rejoice in her entrance into the glory of her Lord.

The closing memory is that of the very beautiful memorial service conducted by the Rev. Stuart Parker, D.D., in St. Andrew's Church, where for fifty-five years Mrs. Smellie had worshipped and served.

A Memorial to Mildred Soutar, R.N.

A MOST impressive ceremony was held during the Easter service in Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, when Mrs. Wm. Soutar presented a bronze memorial tablet in memory of her daughter, the late Miss Mildred Soutar, R.N., and unveiled it. The tablet was received on behalf of the congregation by Rev. R. J. Wilson, minister of the Church.

The tablet reads as follows: ''To the glory of God and in token of a mother's love, this tablet is erected in memory of Mildred E. Soutar, Reg.N., Superintendent of M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, Amkhut, Central India.

''Designated in this Church September 23, 1930.

''Died in Jobat, Central India, November 19, 1933.

''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my little ones, ye have done it unto Me.''

Our Missionary Speaks Over the Radio

MISS Agnes I. Dickson, our missionary to the Chinese women and children in Montreal, recently visited Saint John, N.B. While there a request came for her to speak over the radio during the ''Current Events Broadcast'' and to begin with a greeting in Chinese, which she did.

Death of our Honorary President

AS we go to press word has come of the death of our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp. Time did not allow for the preparation of a tribute worthy of one so highly esteemed in our Society, but due honor will be paid her memory in the June number.

Missionary Milestones in Our Six Provincials

QUEBEC

Mrs. I. C. Sharp

THE inception of our work in the Province of Quebec, dates back to 1864, thus 1934 marks 70 years of wonderful history here. A glance backward to 1864, should be an inspiration, and arouse intense interest in an honored heritage, hallowed by memories of so many of our sainted leaders.

In all these years there have been but five Presidents: Mrs. John Redpath, First President; Mrs. Robert Campbell, Second President; Mrs. George Arthur Grier, Third President; Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Fourth President. Miss C. E. Cameron, elected in 1933, is the Fifth President. Words fail to convey the high value of their consecrated leadership as the work developed.

Our Society had its origin in one of the oldest of such organizations in Canada. In 1864, there was formed, in the City of Montreal, a ''Ladies' Auxiliary Association'', in connection with the French Mission work of the Church of Scotland in Canada.

In 1875 the family Union of our Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion, gave a fresh impetus to *all* missionary work, and this Association was re-organized as ''The Ladies' French Evangelization Society'', its object being to co-operate with the General Assembly's Board of French Evangelization in giving the Gospel to the French-speaking people of the Dominion.

In April, 1882, a new Constitution was adopted, and the Society became the ''Montreal Woman's Missionary Society'', authorized to carry on, under one Board of Management, Home, French and Foreign work, and for this purpose, to organize Auxiliaries wherever possible.

With the new Society a large Executive Committee was appointed. Mrs. Robert Campbell presided, and from time to time, she filled almost every office in the Society from 1864 to 1912.

Later, in order to avoid a local aspect, and by suggestion of Presbytery, the word ''Montreal'' was dropped, and a broader name ''The Woman's Missionary Society (Home, French and Foreign) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada'', was adopted. Soon after, Mrs. Robert Munro, of Crescent St. Church, presented the Society with a ''Banner'' bearing this new name, and the motto *''Thy Kingdom Come''*.

In 1904, the Women's Missionary Society *Outlook* was issued, of which Mrs. Ephraim Scott was Editor. *Home* Mission Work centred in Mission Fields in the West, *French* work at Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, and *Foreign* work in India and China. Our Miss Agnes Dickson went out to China in 1904, followed in 1905 by Dr. Jessie A. MacBean, now in Hackett Medical College, Canton.

In Mrs. Busteed's graphic History 1882-1907, we have 46 Auxiliaries recorded, among these that of North Georgetown and English River, which enjoys the distinction of being the *first* Woman's Missionary Society organized in Canada, formed August 31st, 1875. In 1925, it celebrated its 50th anniversary under the Presidency of Mrs. R. L. Ballantyne, now of St. Andrew's East.

Just here may we recall a few of the many names we delight to honor. Mrs. John Redpath, First President; Mrs. Robert Campbell, greatly beloved giving 48 years of service; Miss Sarah McMaster, 21 years as Recording Secretary; Miss Isabella McIntosh, 21 years a devoted Treasurer; Mrs. George Arthur Grier, President for 22 years, and in these years how she graced and adorned her office! Miss Jeannie Forsyth, so staunch and loyal to the work; Mrs. Charles Little and Mrs. William Byers, strong in faith and rich in service; Mrs. E. E. Busteed, unstinted in labors for Church and Society; Mrs. Ephraim Scott, earnest foundation builder; Mrs. Walter Paul, wise in counsel; Miss Gill, Mrs. Bouchard and many others, who have entered the realms of bliss, while their works remain.

After the Union of our Presbyterian Churches in 1875, our Foreign Mission Committee (W.D.) recognized their need of help in the support of work among women and children overseas. To aid this Committee the ''Women's Foreign Missionary Society'' was organized in Toronto, and approved by the General Assembly, 1876.

In the passing of the years the needs at home became more numerous, and more insistent. The rush to the Klondyke, the lumber and mining camps, with the many new settlers, all made imperative demands. Nurses, Deaconesses, Missionaries, Hospitals were all necessary, to meet the pressing spiritual and temporal needs our Church *must* supply, and the Women's Home Missionary Society, with the motto ''Canada for Christ'' was organized and approved by the Assembly, June, 1903.

Both Societies grew and prospered, but in the passing of the years conditions were changing in Canada, the Great West was opening up. Thousands of immigrants were pouring in, and the situation was such, that the question of amalgamating the W.F.M.S. and the W.H.M.S. was constantly being brought up. In 1910, the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church *definitely requested* the W.F.M.S. to consider, *sympathetically* some plan of amalgamation with the W.H.M.S. A joint Committee of the Foreign Mission and the Home Mission Committees of our Church drew up a ''Basis of Union'' which was accepted by both Societies and they joined forces. To further unite and consolidate the work this ''Basis of Union'' was presented by the Church's Committee to the Montreal Society, and, eventually, accepted. Thus the three Societies, with a combined strength of 1,327 Auxiliaries and 656 Mission Bands, became the ''Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada'' with the motto ''*The World for Christ*''. On May 15th, 1914, in Knox Church, Toronto, this union was formally consummated by the representatives of the General Assembly. In less than three months after, the cruel war came, but, ''a three-fold cord is not easily broken'' and unitedly the work was carried through. It grew and prospered till memorable 1925 turned a new page in our history.

Up to amalgamation the activities of the Society were wide and varied. They included Home, French and Foreign work. The first worker was Madame Coté, and the outstanding institution was the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools. The Society also supported mission stations in the Northwest, undertook some medical work among the foreigners there and supported missionaries in Formosa, India, Honan and South China. As far back as 1886 a grant of money was made for mission work among the Indians, and, in 1887, two boxes of clothing were sent to Broadview Assiniboine for distribution among the needy. The work of the Society within the bounds of the province now includes: the Presbyterian Residence for boys and girls at Huntingdon; work among the Chinese in Montreal under the superintendency of Miss Dickson. In 1933, the Provincial had 2 Presbyterials, 138 branches, 3,000 members, 1,595 subscribers to *Glad Tidings,* and sent to the Treasurer $15,478.38.

Presbyterian Residence, Huntingdon, Que.

After nearly nine years of re-adjustment and re-building we bow in thanksgiving, that the God of Heaven has still preserved an honored place for our Presbyterian Church and our W.M.S. in this great, and, *growing, greater,* Dominion of Canada.

ONTARIO

Miss Jessie Parsons

IN writing the history of the Women's Missionary Society in Ontario it must be remembered that the history of the work in this province is the history of the W.F.M.S., for when missionary work in Ontario was begun the West was undeveloped.

Missionary work for the Presbyterian women of the Western Division first came into existence when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized, in 1876, in Toronto, Ontario. Toronto was chosen as the headquarters because the Church offices were located there, the W.M.S. at that time being Auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee. Knox Church, Toronto, has had the unique honor of seeing the organization, amalgamation and consolidation of four great missionary bodies. In this Church, in 1876, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized; in 1903 the Women's Home Missionary Society was formed; in 1914, the amalgamation of the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Women's Home Missionary Society took place, and, in 1925, the consolidation of the W.M.S. consequent upon the depletion of its ranks by the withdrawal of those members who entered the United Church. All honor to the brave women who in faith and courage began this great missionary movement and who, trusting not in their own strength or wisdom were enabled to overcome many difficulties and to lay the foundation of the organization broad and deep. These women mothered small Auxiliaries in out-of-the-way places and changed them into centres, and in these Auxiliaries missionaries have been and will be born. We, of today, rich in the heritage of past accomplishments would press on desiring to have a like vision—not reproducing the past, but applying ourselves to meet the present needs and growing opportunities.

In starting the W.F.M.S. the members worked *for* the women in our foreign mission fields. Today we are working *with* them for the Christian women in India, China, Formosa, Japan, have formed themselves into W.M.S. Auxiliaries under the banner ''The World for Christ''. In Canada, the Indian and Chinese women have also banded themselves together in this work. What fellowship equals the fellowship of this service? Even before 1876 we learn that individual groups of women had been meeting to pray and to learn of missions so it would seem that the ground was being prepared for organization.

From the beginning of the W.F.M.S. emphasis was placed on the circulation of missionary information with the view of interesting the women in this great enterprise. The first annual report announced: 1st ''that the report is to be printed and given to each member''; 2nd, ''the intention to enter into correspondence with missionaries, the letters to be copied and sent to Auxiliaries''; 3rd, ''monthly envelopes adopted as an aid to systematic giving'', thus showing their foresight in drilling the ''King's army'', and their willingness to ''campaign for the King'' and to learn ''the resources of the King's army'' in order to fill the ''King's treasury''.

From 1876-82 letters were copied by hand or multigraphed.

In 1882 letters were first printed under the title ''Letter Leaflet''.

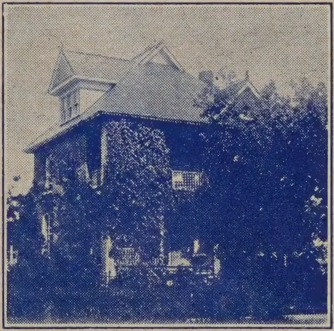
In 1884 the prayer card was first issued. In 1885, the ''Letter

Leaflet'' announced literature for sale, 3 leaflets free and 3 for sale, one of these being ''Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box.''

The first year one Life Member was reported. During the 38 years of the W.F.M.S. $99,425.00 was given through these gifts, and in the succeeding ten years $286,960.00 came into the treasury of the W.M.S. through this department.

From the beginning, the executive business was conducted by the Board of Management, composed of 32 ladies resident in Toronto. In the third year the number was increased to 36 with 6 non-resident ladies from central points throughout the province, with Presidents of Auxiliaries and Presbyterials as Vice-Presidents. This lasted until the ninth year, when the 36 were chosen from Toronto; in 1884, Mission Band Presidents were entitled to attend.

The organizing of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands was the first step taken, the constitution was sent to ministers. The first Auxiliary, outside of Toronto, was organized in Lancaster by Rev. D. Ross. Dr. W. McLaren organized many as he was called to preach. In the first year three Mission Bands were organized in Toronto and 18 Auxiliaries were formed outside of the city, and $1,105 raised. In November, 1881, 7 Churches united to form a union Auxiliary called ''The Murray Mitchell'' Auxiliary. Earnest and self-sacrificing work was done by the officers of the Board and Presbyterials.


Presbyterian Residence,
New Liskeard, Ont.

The third annual report gives the name of the Presbyterial Society of Lancaster with 8 Auxiliaries, and the receiving of the Hamilton Presbyterial with its 4 Auxiliaries and 2 Mission Bands and the hope was expressed that Kingston Presbyterial would soon be associated with us.

Between 1880–90 twenty-five Presbyterials were formed in the province.

In 1885 Thank-offering meetings were started and, four years later, 1889, Scattered Helpers were introduced by Mrs. Thorburn of Ottawa.

In 1897 the ''Ewart Missionary Training Home'' was opened and in 1908 the General Assembly instituted the order of Deaconesses and placed the management of the Home under the Board of the Church, changing its name to The Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

No department of the work has made a greater appeal than the Supply Department which has been active since 1884.

In the spring of 1899, the Atlin Nurse Committee which had been organized in St. Andrew's Church, King St., Toronto, at the urgent request of the Home Mission Committee, was asked to send nurses to assist the missionaries sent by our Church to the Klondyke. It secured the services of 2 Christian nurses, Miss E. H. Mitchell and Miss Helen Bone, who arrived in Atlin July 22nd. This led to the formation, on June 9th, 1903, of the Women's Home Missionary Society. The main work of this Society had to do with hospitals for the sick, homes for the education and training of children, the service of trained deaconesses and the support of mission fields.

As in the beginning of the W.F.M.S. a central Auxiliary composed of representatives from the various Presbyterian Churches was formed in Toronto and named the ''Robertson'' Auxiliary, for our indefatigable Secretary, Dr. Robertson. Three years later a travelling Secretary was appointed to inform the women of the needs of the Society and assist in organizing Auxiliaries. The first report of the whole Society showed 33 Auxiliaries, 442 members, contributions of $2,348. In 1914 the report gave 1,019 Auxiliaries and Bands, 25,025 members, contributions $89,979.20. The total contributions for the eleven years of its history amounted to $276,028.19.

In 1914 the three missionary organizations in the Western Division which had carried on their work separately were amalgamated under the name ''The Women's Missionary Society.'' After amalgamation was consummated Provincial Societies were formed. Previously, the oversight of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands fell to the Board and the Presbyterial Officers; but on the formation of the Provincial Boards, the responsibility of the Branches fell upon their shoulders. Capable women from the different points of the province were elected to this Board and Presidents of Presbyterials were ex-officio Vice-Presidents.

It is interesting to note that from 1877–1914 only 2 annual meetings of the W.F.M.S. were held outside of Ontario, namely, Winnipeg, 1906, Vancouver, 1912, and that all the annual meetings of the W.H.M.S. were held in the province.

At the 11th annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Society, 1925, their strength was reported as follows: 1,942 branches, membership 62,482, contributions $265,854.72, with supplies approximating $300,000.00 or $4,007.00 increase.

1925 – 1934

In the year 1925 the question of Church Union came to a definite issue, and a large number voted to remain in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This action naturally affected the W.M.S. which was faced with a reduced membership and lessened responsibilities.

As in former days the members of the Council Executive gave themselves wholeheartedly to fostering and informing the branches, the work being new to many who assumed the responsibility.

The first report covering only six months shows organizations 1,236, membership 14,609, contributions $70,973.54, subscribers to *Glad Tidings* 9,392.

1926 found a School Residence established at New Liskeard, a hospital at South Porcupine, work among the Chinese in Toronto, work among the Jews in Toronto, Deaconesses and Welcome and Welfare work.

1933 report of the whole Society shows organizations 1,853; membership 46,498; contributions from all sources, $193,237.73; subscribers to *Glad Tidings* 19,051.

The work for which the whole Society was responsible in 1924 and in 1934 appears on page 190.

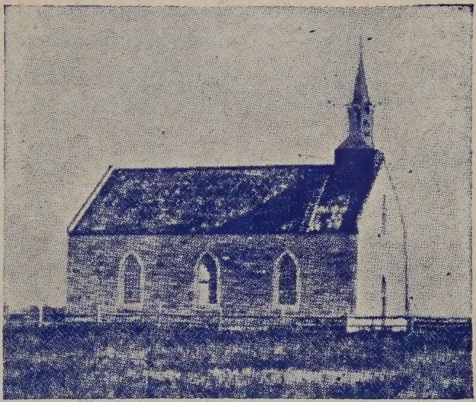
The contribution to the spiritual and national life of Canada and lands overseas through the activities of these Missionary Societies has been a glorious achievement towards the bringing in of the Kingdom of God on earth.

MANITOBA

Mrs. W. J. Martin

"IN 1670 King Charles granted a charter to some of his favorites, Prince Rupert and his associates, by which they were given the exclusive control of the fur trade in all of British North America west of the Great Lakes. This was a monopoly, and monopolies are not viewed with favor by freedom-loving Britishers. But the story of the Hudson's Bay Company reveals the fact that a bad system may be endured or even looked upon favorably, if the men who control it are of the right type, and this company carried on their activities through the two hundred years of their history with remarkable credit.

An example of the type of men who were governors of the Company may be instanced in the Earl of Selkirk, who heard with sympathetic interest of the plight of the men in Kildonan in Sutherlandshire, Scotland. While the men of military age were absent opposing Napoleon and his ambitious claims, a factor who evidently believed that a sheep was of more value than a man ejected the peasants from their holdings, burned their humble dwellings, that the clearance might be effectively consummated. To these dispossessed Highlanders the Earl of Selkirk


Old Kildonan Church

offered homes in a new land, and thither by way of Hudson Bay they came in 1812, two other groups following at intervals up to 1815. They turned their backs on the land of their birth, not that they loved Scotland less, but that they loved freedom more.

On the Red River they made their new abode, linking the new home with the old by naming it Kildonan. They were promised that a Presbyterian minister should accompany them, but this promise could not be carried out at the time, but an elder, James Sutherland, was licensed to baptize and marry, and was sent out with the colonists. He rendered good service for the few years he remained.

For thirty-five years these colonists waited for a minister, but though frequent appeals were made to the homeland no minister came. It is to the Church of England we owe it, that these settlers were not left without a shepherd, and much credit is due this great Church which adapted its service so that it might be acceptable to these Highlanders who did not take kindly to the use of liturgy. With their farms side by side, facing the Red River they waited, conducting family worship, and studying the Catechism with their families, accepting with gratitude the services of the Anglican Church, but pleading that their own Church would heed their call.

Their faith and perseverance had its reward in 1851, when Rev. John Black, one of the first students enrolled in Knox College, arrived in Kildonan by way of the States. What a welcome he received! At family worship the rich Scotch voices of young and old united in the psalm:

When Zion's bondage God turned back,
As men that dreamed were we.
Then filled with laughter was our mouth,
Our tongue with melody:

That man who, bearing precious seed,
In going forth doth mourn,
He, doubtless, bringing back his sheaves,
Rejoicing shall return.

At the first Communion Service, three hundred were received as members and partook of the Lord's Supper. Thus was established the first Presbyterian congregation in Western Canada. These settlers had suffered hardship and experienced poverty and were still to do so, but early they set themselves to build a Church. From Stony Mountain, fifteen miles away, they drew the stone and erected a church to seat 500 people. That Church still stands, and is known throughout Canada as Kildonan Church—the cradle of Presbyterianism in Western Canada.

In 1870, the Manitoba Act was passed constituting a province of part of Rupert's Land. Settlers began to arrive from Eastern Canada, mainly from the counties of Huron, Bruce and Lanark. They came by rail to St. Paul, then by prairie schooner to their destination. Others took rail to Red River, then travelled 700 hundred miles by Red River steamer. This boat was of the Mississippi type, flat bottomed, so that it could navigate the shallows. It is said that it could run on the prairie if there was a heavy dew! Sometimes when the river would overflow its banks, the steamer would get lost in the night and would have to be tied to a tree in a prairie bluff till morning.

Some of these newcomers settled back from the river, and were considered to be mad for so doing, for the fear was that they would get lost on the plains or be frozen in the storms in trying to reach the settlement. They suffered greatly; the grasshopper plague from 1868-1876 reduced them to poverty. They could not leave and were hungry and well-nigh naked.

How much the Church meant to them in their struggles only they knew. Great credit is due the early ministers of whom there were 5 comprising the Presbytery of Manitoba in 1870. By this time there were 9 preaching places. One minister gave service once a month in the forenoon at a point forty miles from Fort Garry, then at a half-way point in the afternoon, then home for the evening, guided only by the stars over the trackless, treeless, snow-covered plains.

True followers of John Knox were these settlers and their minister, for as soon as the Church was erected, they began to think of educational advantages for their children, and first they built a log school, and later a log college was erected which was called Manitoba College.

Others came to aid Black. While none of them should be forgotten, to mention some might seem to overlook others, but prince among them all stands Dr. James Robertson, the great Superintendent, who became minister of Knox Church, Winnipeg, in 1875, and took up the larger work with Western Canada as his parish in 1881. When the torch dropped from his falling hands, others picked it up and the work advanced rapidly, our Church ever taking an increasing place in holding Western Canada for Christ.''

Extract from an address given by Rev. W. A. Cameron, then of Saskatoon, at the W.M.S. Council Meeting, at Windsor, Ont., May 25th, 1927.

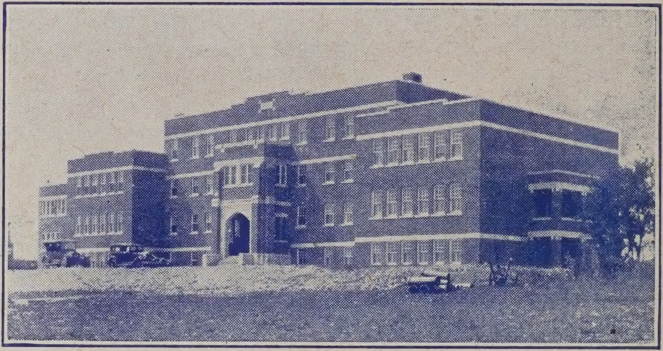
At this time there were, in Manitoba, not only pioneer men, but also pioneer missionary women. These women were ahead of their times and were taken up with the establishment of their homes and their Church —what we now call Home Mission Work.

Women's Missionary Societies Started in Manitoba

The first record we have of organized missionary work in Manitoba was the formation of an Auxiliary in Winnipeg on October 24th, 1884, with 25 members. It was composed of ladies from 3 Churches in the city, Knox, St. Andrew's and North Church (now St. Giles). The officers were, President, Mrs. J. M. King; Secretary, Mrs. Colin Campbell; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Taylor.

The Annual Report of the first W.F.M.S. Auxiliary in Manitoba, recorded 25 members and 1 Life Member and was signed by Mrs. J. M. King, President and Mrs. C. H. Campbell, Secretary. Then followed vivid word pictures of the Riel Rebellion and the women's service to the soldiers; the beginning of Chinese work—fourteen ladies to teach the five Chinese who came; the beginning of work among the Sioux Indians at Portage la Prairie—the school with pupils from ten to forty years of age; the appeal to the W.F.M.S. for supplies and later their union with the organized Society.

Brandon Presbyterial was the first Presbyterial to be formed in the West. It was organized with 5 Auxiliaries, on October 19th, 1886, with Mrs. McTavish, Chater, as President.



Indian Residential School, Birtle

Two and a half years later, February 12th, 1889, Winnipeg Presbyterial came into being, with Mrs. Isabella Watt, President and Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, Secretary. In 1896, Presbyterials were organized at Glenboro and Rock Lake, comprising the Auxiliaries along the railway in southern Manitoba. In 1907, Minnedosa Presbyterial was organized.

In 1903, the Women's Home Missionary Society was organized and, in 1913, they organized a new Presbyterial in Dauphin. These seven Presbyterials formed the Provincial W.M.S. which was organized in 1914, after the amalgamation of the Foreign, Home, and Montreal Missionary Societies.

From the first small contribution of $100, in 1885, they crept up to $42,162.74 in 1922, falling to $39,721.38 in 1923, due largely to poor crops, rather than declining interest. The Supply Department has made the greatest advance. It began, in 1885, with a few sacks of clothing, oatmeal and molasses, sent to the Indian reserves, and, in 1923, money and clothing contributed amounted to $3,798.53.

Another important event in 1905, was the organization of an Auxiliary in the historic Church of Kildonan. The work could never be considered satisfactory without it, so strong a hold has Kildonan on the affection of Presbyterian people.

Owing to ill-health, Mrs. A. D. MacKay, who had been chosen President, when the Provincial Society came into being, in 1914, resigned her office and Mrs. C. W. Gordon, daughter of Mrs. J. M. King, the first President of the first Auxiliary organized in the province, was elected President. To show their loving appreciation of Mrs. MacKay's service for a period of 35 years in various offices of the Society, the members of the W.M.S. in Manitoba, raised a special fund of $1,500, which was later increased by a gift of $300 in memory of her husband, and a maternity ward was erected in connection with the Canadian Presbyterian W.M.S. Hospital in Dhar, India.

Another charter member, worthy of mention was Miss A. Richards, of Chater, who became an active member of the W.F.M.S. in 1886, and who died in 1923 aged 94. Until August of the same year, she had been able to perform her duties as President, and was present at their August meeting and took the devotional part of the service.

In 1925, the first Provincial W.M.S. was re-organized in the manse of Kildonan Church, July 22nd, 1925. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison was chosen President and 126 women throughout the province, signed as charter members. The first Winnipeg Presbyterial was re-organized in February 25th, 1926, with Mrs. Peter Kee, daughter of Rev. John and Mrs. McNabb, pioneer minister of Manitoba, as President.

During the past few months, $2,000 has been raised in Manitoba for missionary work.

In March, 1926, the Brandon Presbyterial was re-organized with Mrs. J. A. McDonald, President.

In May, 1927, the Indian schools ''Cecilia Jeffrey'', at Kenora, and at Birtle were handed over to the Presbyterians. The new ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' was opened and dedicated November 6th, 1929, with E. W. Byers, as Principal. The new school at Birtle was opened October 29th, 1931, with Mr. H. B. Currie, Principal.

On September 3rd, 1930, the new Church, at ''All People's Mission'', Gonor, was opened and dedicated and three acres of land was presented by Mrs. E. MacKenzie and Miss Innis to the W.M.S. as a centre for the work of our Presbyterian Church.

On August 19th, 1932, the new Church at East Selkirk was dedicated. Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, our Deaconess, had gladly given much labor and toil and many blessed evidences of the good hand of God upon her and her people was evident.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. JAMES HERD

HISTORY goes to show that the first Women's Missionary Society in British Columbia was organized at Chilliwack, in the Fraser Valley, in 1887. In the following year, the late Mrs. Scouler founded the ''Columbia Mission Band'' in New Westminster, with a membership of twenty, varying in ages from 16 to 70. This Band continued as such for three years when it became St. Andrew's Woman's Missionary Society of New Westminster.

As immigrants arrived, and land settlement advanced, Presbyterian Churches were erected and W.M.S. work expanded. Auxiliaries were organized in Vancouver and district until, in 1898, Westminster Presbyterial was formed, St. Andrew's, Victoria, affiliating with it.

In 1912, the General Council Meeting in Vancouver did much to stimulate the work west of the Rockies.

Victoria and Kootenay Presbyterials were now organized.

In 1914, Amalgamation year, British Columbia Provincial came into existence, having 68 branches, and 1,467 members. Another decade passed and British Columbia showed 150 branches with a membership of nearly 5,000.

Hospitals. The gold rush to the Yukon Territory brought much sickness in its wake, and a cry for help came to our Church. The Women's Home Missionary Society ultimately became responsible for the first Presbyterian Hospital in Canada, at Atlin, B.C. This was followed by two other nursing centres—at Telegraph Creek and Lake Francois.

Sky Pilot. Probably one of the most fascinating activities in which the women in British Columbia were interested was the ''James Robertson Memorial Mission'' as it was first called. Started originally with a mission row-boat, it developed into a finely equipped motor-cruiser under the charge of Rev. George Pringle. The coast line of British Columbia is almost 7,000 miles long, and along the shores of its countless inlets, settlers, loggers, and miners had their homes. It was to these that the ''Sky Pilot'' brought the good news of the Gospel.

Indian Work. In British Columbia there is quite a considerable population of native Indians. At Alberni and Ahousaht on the west coast of Vancouver Island, boarding schools were established, as also a day school at Ucluelet. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Currie, late of Birtle, Man., were Principal and Matron at Alberni. A school home was also erected at Prince George in the interior of the Province.

Chinese Work. Consequent upon the large and increasing population of Chinese, originally imported for labor on the Canadian Pacific Railway, work was begun among these oriental immigrants. Churches, night schools, kindergartens were organized, the principal centres being Victoria and Vancouver. In Victoria, the first Chinese W.M.S. was established. The work is now being pursued largely among Canadian-born Chinese.

1925 – 1933

The disruption of our Church in 1925 brought the work of the W.M.S. to a serious crisis in its history. British Columbia was badly shaken, Vancouver having but little of its Church property left. Minority groups were formed, buildings and equipment had to be found, and through it all ran the golden thread of steadfastness of the women of the W.M.S. Before the delegates left Toronto after the famous Congress of June, 1925, steps were taken to form a Provincial Board. Indeed, Westminster Presbyterial had already named new officers at the closing session of its annual meeting in the spring of 1925, so that when the actual breach came there was no break in the continuity of the work of that Presbyterial.

That the work in British Columbia has been blessed of God is shown by figures and by active interest of its members in missionary endeavor. This latter cannot be tabulated, but figures speak in a tangible way. In 1926, the British Columbia report shows 79 branches with a membership of 1,673. The Report for 1932 shows 140 branches and a membership of 2,538.

Mission Bands. One of the most striking increases was in the extension of Mission Band work in Westminster Presbyterial, under the untiring leadership of Mrs. Angus McKenzie. From 15 Bands, in 1926, she organized additional Bands until, in 1932, she reported 34 Bands—a number equal to the record before 1925. Is there any prospect of our work passing into oblivion when such a source of new life and fresh vigor is available for its continuance?

Girls' Work. The Girls' Work, too, in this province is in a very satisfactory condition, although left in a perilous state in 1925. Thanks to active leadership which gradually appeared out of chaos, and almost active opposition, as also to sympathetic and valuable counsel from Field and Girls' Work Secretaries sent from Toronto, the work is now firmly established, and is progressing year by year. Affiliation with the W.M.S. is becoming more and more popular as it is presented to the girls. Here, too, we have a valuable source of strength for our future work.

Young Women. For a time it seemed as if the Y.W. work of our Society was in danger of becoming a thing of the past. One or two of the Auxiliaries carried on, but a feeling of pessimism and inertia was in the air. In minority groups local calls for help were urgent. The ''visibility'' of the Church had to be re-established, and young women's interests were directed to this work. In 1926, four Auxiliaries were reported, and by 1932 this had increased to 9 with indications that increase will continue. Taking into consideration the fact that before 1925 British Columbia reported 19 Young Women's Auxiliaries, the proportion of 9 to 19 is in keeping with figures relating to the statistics of the Church at large.

We are very proud of our young missionaries, the Misses Ellen I. Douglas and Catherine Moodie, in India. Miss Esther Armstrong, engaged in Chinese work in Toronto, and Miss Margaret Grigor, Deaconess in the Peace River area were also recruited in British Columbia, whilst we have another future missionary in the person of Miss Ruth Heighton, of Vancouver, now in training. Two of our young Chinese girls, Miss Lily Yeung, and Miss Lilyan Leung, have also been in training in the Deaconess Training Home, Toronto. The outlook for work among our younger branches in British Columbia is encouraging and hopeful and for this we are deeply thankful.

Divided as we are, in this last great West, from our sister provinces, we nevertheless hold high the banner of our beloved Church with its traditional missionary outlook. Being far from the centre of administration has developed in our W.M.S. members a keen, active interest not only in general intelligence of our work—national and overseas—but also in administration matters.

Out of the cleansing fires of near-disaster and misfortune has emerged a type of devoted intelligent W.M.S. members, consecrated to the work of the Society, ready to obey His command, ''Follow Me!''

ALBERTA

Mrs. D. G. McQueen

IN the late 1880's there were three ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Alberta whom the revered ''Chief'', Dr. James Robertson, called his sentinels—Rev. Charles McKillop, of Lethbridge, in the south, Rev. J. C. Herdman guarding the passes from which the chinooks came down so suddenly at Calgary, and Rev. D. G. McQueen at Edmonton. There were others who came and went, many of whom did excellent work, but those three were to stay to the end.

There were no Women's Missionary Societies—indeed there were not many women. Those who were here had come in by Red River cart, ox cart or buckboard and were intent on adapting themselves to their new surroundings. Their time was well filled in trying to make homes, in caring for their children, and in helping to establish Churches and Sunday Schools; if specially gifted they might ''raise the tune'' or play the organ.

The Canadian Pacific Railway had crossed the country, but there was no railway running north or south until 1891. It took five days to go to Presbytery and five to come back, the meetings were held in

Calgary as it was the most central point. The country was filling up with settlers, and the coming of the railway increased this influx. Home Mission work demanded all one's time, thought and energy, and its difficulties were increased by the loneliness and sense of isolation and by the absence of ministerial fellowship.

Alberta was one vast mission field. None of the Churches were self-sustaining, and they had to be helped by money from the East—an East who did not understand our difficulties or our distances, and who had not yet caught the vision of what was yet to be.

In the 1890's the Ukrainians and others from Central Europe came here in large numbers, and one saw frequently the sheepskin coats and fur coats of the men and the colorful head kerchiefs and shawls of the women. These people settled in groups and continued to speak their own language. The government did little to help them to adapt themselves to this new country, and their communities remained for a long time essentially European in habits and views; the situation was not helped by the fact that often they brought no spiritual advisers with them. Dr. Robertson, with that marvellous vision of his, saw the dangers of leaving these people in these foreign blocks, and of not welcoming them to our Canadian life in school, church and community. He visited them in their homes and saw their large families, and realized that they and their children and their children's children were a force to be reckoned with. He went to Europe and observed their background and came back to do what he could with voice and pen to obtain sympathy and understanding for these ''new Canadians''.

With never ceasing energy the ''Chief'' followed Presbyterian settlers everywhere with the Gospel message, and if possible he had a missionary on the field to bid them welcome and to share with them the hardships and the joys of pioneer life. He realized that the precedents set during these early years would establish the spirit of the community. Organization would follow later, and the simple services held in house or school would give place to worship in church buildings which would help to give permanence and visibility to the cause.

The need and value of Home Mission work was brought before the Church with greater urgency by the requirements, physical and spiritual, of those who had followed the ''trail of '98'' to the Klondyke. The life of the great Superintendent, Dr. Robertson, was quickly drawing to its close, but when the General Assembly met in 1891 he spoke with all the ardor of which he was capable, pleading for legislation which would enable the W.F.M.S. to broaden its sympathies and take over the responsibilities of giving evangelistic, medical and educational service in Home Mission fields. However the motion was lost, and there was but one thing to do in the interests of the work—to organize a Women's Home Missionary Society. After Dr. Robertson had passed to his reward the General Assembly of 1903 expressed its indebtedness to the Atlin Nurse Committee which had been of such great service in the Yukon. The Assembly also registered its gratification at learning that a Women's Home Missionary Society had been organized ''whose supervision of the work at Atlin will henceforth be prosecuted and similar work undertaken elsewhere''—with ''Canada for Christ'' their motto, and ''Humility and Service'' their watchword.

A Women's Foreign Missionary Society was started in Lethbridge in 1892, and a Home and Foreign Mission Band later. Women's Foreign Missionary Societies were started in Calgary in 1897, in Macleod in 1901, and in Strathcona in 1903; a Union Home and Foreign Society and Mission Band was begun in Edmonton in 1904. A Home Mission Society was started in Medicine Hat in 1905. These groups were working without the inspiration which comes from sister Societies meeting together, for distances between were too great.

The new Society made a great appeal. In the west the insistence necessary to keep the ordinary church work going and to fuse the variety of people in these far-flung outposts made immediate organization difficult, but we were looking forward to joining as soon as possible. Copies of the magazine of the organization, the *Home Mission Pioneer*, were taken and regularly distributed. We were all doing Home Mission work, and were dependent on Home Mission funds for our mission fields.

"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.

The first Women's Home Missionary Auxiliary was organized in First Church, Edmonton, in 1906, and the first Presbyterial here, followed that same year. In 1906, the Red Deer Presbyterial also was formed. Both of these Presbyterials owed their existence to the visit of Miss Matilda Robinson, the Travelling Secretary of the new organization. In 1907, a conference of Home Mission workers was held in Calgary, and in 1908 in Edmonton another was held at the time of the meeting of Synod. These conferences gave stimulus to the work, and organization in the different Presbyteries followed.

In 1906, Dr. Herdman, then Superintendent of Missions for Alberta, conceived the idea of helping those new settlers from Europe who, far from home and country, were pitifully trying to cope with a new language, new customs and new surroundings. A missionary hospital was started for their use at Vegreville, which is some 70 miles east of Edmonton, and is in the centre of a colony of some 40,000 Ukrainians. At the General Assembly of 1906, the announcement was made that a lady had given $4,000.00 to build a memorial hospital. The ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital, at Vegreville, was built, equipped, and opened that autumn, with a staff of nurses and helpers under Miss Playfair, the Superintendent.

The Ukrainians to whom the hospital was to minister were at first afraid to trust the strangers in this new country, and with the added handicap of a language which they did not understand, they were unable to comprehend the motives prompting the opening of the hospital. It was not until their own efforts had failed and death seemed inevitable that in fear and trembling they brought in the first patients. Kindly faces met them and trained hands ministered carefully to their needs, medical attention eased the pain and brought comfort. Healed and happy they went home to tell their friends that the people at the hospital were there to do them good, not to exact money from them unnecessarily, but to show the kindly spirit of the Master whom they sought to serve. These ex-patients became the best advocates for the hospital. Now after 28 years the hospital is still doing its work. The stream of healing and helping has gone steadily on through the years. The 1933 report tells us that 277 patients were treated during the year—British, Russians, Ukrainians, and Germans—people of many religions, including Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic. Through the kindness of the different Presbyterials needy patients were helped, new-born babies outfitted, and families in poor circumstances assisted. A Hospital Aid Society composed of Vegreville ladies has been most helpful. Miss A. L. McPherson, the Superintendent, has carried on for nine years with a varying staff of nurses. Dr. Reid has always been attentive to and interested in the work of the hospital. There is now a Presbyterian Church in Vegreville with a good congregation.

The story of the Girls' and Boys' Residences at Vegreville, and of how this project grew from the hospital work is an interesting one. Let it suffice to say that these too have gone on through the years giving blessing to many who have benefitted by their help. No child lived in one of these homes for any length of time without learning the working principles of a true home and acquiring a knowledge of the Bible.

In 1910, the Rev. A. Forbes and Mrs. Forbes, after sixteen years of work at Fort Saskatchewan, left to start work at Grande Prairie in the Peace River district. The trip *via* the Edson trail was very difficult, but after hardships by flood and field they reached their objective and set up the Christian standard. While Dr. Forbes worked establishing Churches and giving services, Mrs. Forbes with that womanliness and charm which many of us remember, taught the children, nursed the sick and hurt, consoled the sorrowing, and eventually had the happiness of seeing a hospital opened and doing valiant service. Mrs. Forbes gave her life for Home Missions. Her body lies in the little grave yard at Grande Prairie, far from home and kindred, but among those she served and who loved her well. We long missed her in our Presbyterial and Provincial meetings.

In 1914, the Home and Foreign Societies were amalgamated, but before our annual meeting in 1915 our boys were leaving for active service in the war; by 1916 they were in the fighting line, and 1917 and 1918 followed with their pitiful tale of loss, anxiety and pain. We dared not give up and leave our missionaries uncared for, and we continued to stand back of them through the years until the Armistice came.

The united Society worked harmoniously and well and accomplished much for the following years, but always the shadow of Church Union was over us. In 1925 the blow came and it left us with shattered ranks, but our traditional and well loved Presbyterian Church was still in existence. It was not until September, 1925, we really found whom we had left and who had joined us. Some experienced workers and officers had gone, but we welcomed willing and ardent, if sometimes inexperienced, ones in their places. By the close of the year we were able to report 3 Presbyterials fully organized and equipped with officers, 24 Auxiliaries, 2 Associate Societies, 13 Mission Bands, 438 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*, with the sum of $2,376.27 sent to the Provincial Treasurer. Business was carried on as usual, and there was evident an earnestness and interest, before unknown, in all our work.

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The report for 1933 shows 4 Presbyterials, 26 Auxiliaries, 6 Associate Societies, 776 *Glad Tidings* subscribers, and 36 Mission Bands. There are also some new organizations in the Peace River Presbytery. The greatest gain in the province has been in Young Women's and Girls' Societies. We have now an adult membership of 567, a junior membership of 1,445 (a total of 2,012), and the amount sent to the Provincial Treasurer was $3,458.08.

Figures cannot convey the interest and the self-sacrificing, consecrated work that has been done in all departments, or the joy in service for our missionary work in the Church we love so well.

If the stately ladies of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of sixty or seventy years ago could return to see how the work so well begun by them has progressed in the years, they would find that the then unformed and unknown Alberta Provincial is carrying on their traditions, with Mrs. Allott at the wheel, and Mrs. MacMicking at the wireless station receiving up-to-date news from every Presbyterial with its Auxiliaries, Young Women's and Girls' Organizations, and Mission Bands—and that there is today among Presbyterian women a variety of work and interest far beyond their early dreams.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. H. R. Horne

IN writing of our Women's Missionary work in Saskatchewan we must bear in mind that previous to 1905 Saskatchewan was known as the Territory of Assiniboia and still earlier as the North-West Territories.

The pioneer missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan was the Rev. James Nisbet who reached Prince Albert July 26, 1866. He had to superintend the putting up of the buildings and did much of the work himself. Roving bands of Indians kept coming and going, sometimes camping near by. Our missionary preached to these natives, opened a school for the children and taught the young men four evenings a week. Mr. Nisbet carried on this work for years until the illness of his wife necessitated their return to Kildonan where shortly both died.

In 1878, the Foreign Mission Board transferred the Mission at Prince Albert to the Home Mission Board who became responsible for the services provided for the white settlers. The Foreign Mission Board retained the control of the day school, established by Mr. Nisbet. The Rev. Donald Ross, the choice of the Home Mission Board, set forth with his wife and Miss Lucy Baker for Prince Albert, but owing to ill-health failed to reach his destination. Miss Baker, however, continued the journey with other companions and, after travelling six weeks by ox-cart, arrived at her destination October 28th, 1879, with the thermometer standing at 28 degrees below zero. This courageous woman was our first woman missionary to Saskatchewan, and from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was supplied with clothing, quilts, etc., which helped her in her work among the Indians on Macoce Waste Reserve which lies ten miles north of Prince Albert.

As the years went by work was begun on other reserves and this was followed by the opening of day schools. In 1890, a Government Industrial School was opened four miles west of Regina under the care of the Presbyterian Church. This school was in existence for twenty years.

In August, 1892, the women of St. Andrew's Church, Moosomin, organized a Women's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary in affiliation with the General Society in Toronto, with Mrs. J. M. Douglas as President, and Mrs. A. S. Smith, Secretary. One month later a Mission Band was organized with Mrs. A. S. Smith as President, the other officers being chosen from the children. The next organization was the Wolseley Mission Band on July 22nd, 1896. In Regina, a little group of women and girls gathered together weekly to prepare articles for sale and the money thus raised was sent to support a native teacher in Erromanga. The centre of this little group was Beryl Gillespie, a little invalid and the weekly meetings were held in his home.

In December, 1902, ten years after the organization of the first Auxiliary, it was moved at the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle held at Sintaluta,

> ''That the Presbytery request the ladies within its bounds to form a Presbyterial Women's Home Missionary Society, to be known as the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle.''

The first President was Mrs. J. G. McKechnie, Wolseley. Article 1 of the constitution accepted at the meeting in Indian Head, September, 1903, states:

''This Society shall be called the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle''. It thus became the first organized Home Mission Presbyterial in Canada.

At the first annual meeting the Presbyterial reported a membership of 202 and contributions amounting to $124.33.

Encouraged by this success the women asked Presbytery to assign them a definite Home Mission Field, and were appointed Lemberg.

In addition to the supply work for File Hills, Indian Boarding School and Reserve, this Presbyterial in 1905 asked for a share in the work being done by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society for the women and children in heathen lands. This request was granted and a Thank-offering of $135.05 was sent to the W.F.M. treasury in Toronto.

From this time Qu'Appelle was known as the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Presbyterial, and became the mother Presbyterial of the then constituted Saskatchewan Province, mothering throughout Saskatchewan, other similar organizations, some being Foreign and some Home, until there were 15 — a Presbyterial for every Presbytery.

Thus in Saskatchewan a trail was blazed best suited to our pioneer conditions, so that when amalgamation of the great Societies came in 1914 Saskatchewan was ready.

This sketch of Mission work in Saskatchewan would not be complete without acknowledging the great contribution of voluntary service rendered by Mrs. Ewen McKenzie, first Corresponding Secretary of Qu'Appelle Presbyterial, wife of the late Rev. Ewen McKenzie who was for twenty years missionary on the Hurricane Hills Reserve near Sintaluta.

The above information is based on a paper prepared for the Diamond Jubilee, 1924.

1924 – 1934

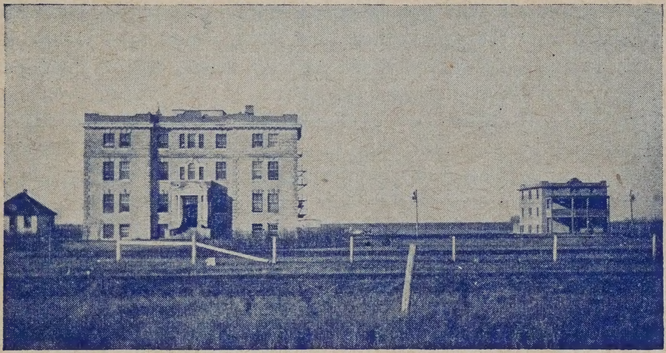
THE 1924 Annual Report of Saskatchewan Provincial holds no hint of gathering clouds. It gives a splendid account of the year's activities, telling of achievement, increasing members, successful institutional work within its bounds, visits of missionaries and, in closing, breathes the hope of more effective service in coming days.

With the close of 1924 begin the troublous, cloud-laden days of 1925, and during these days it is worthy of note that in Saskatchewan as in the other Provincials the loyalty of the women to the W.M.S. has been maintained.

In March, 1925, the Saskatchewan Provincial meeting was called to convene in Saskatoon. During the course of this meeting those members of the Provincial who purposed remaining in the Presbyterian Church met together and conferred earnestly as to the course they should take in relation to their W.M.S. work. Finally the decision to form a Provisional Provincial was arrived at and the necessary officers were elected.

A campaign of information was immediately entered upon and the call went out for the women to ''remain true to their Allegiance.''

By the 10th of June, 1925, it was apparent that 11 Auxiliaries, 2 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 4 Mission Bands, and 4 Affiliated Groups, 21 branches in all, would not go into Union.



"Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora

In contrast to this are the figures given at the 1924 Annual Meeting, the one immediately preceding Union, when Saskatchewan Provincial numbered 16 Presbyterials, 467 branches, with 8,772 members.

With members so depleted it surely indicated rare faith and courage on the part of those who so bravely decided to carry on under the banner of the Presbyterian Church, continuing their unbroken service of love.

May, 1925, saw the formation of the first Provisional Presbytery, *viz.,* Prince Albert - Saskatoon. In October, 1925, the Saskatchewan Provincial and the Presbyterial of Prince Albert - Saskatoon passed out of the Provisional State and became regularly established with Regina and Moose Jaw Presbyterials added to the number. The close of 1926 saw 62 organizations with 1,020 members, meaning that in the number of organizations, members and amount of contributions the Provincial had practically doubled during the year.

Then began the period of developing and consolidating the various W.M.S. activities. Miss Violet Scott was appointed Field Secretary and began her work in Saskatchewan. After a few months of service the Council Executive appointed her Superintendent of the Saskatoon Residence for Girls, and Miss Pelton entered on the work of Field Secretary where she gave valiant and effective assistance in the first hard days of rebuilding. Invaluable help has also been rendered by Miss P. B. Lamont, our other Field Secretary.

In these difficult days the W.M.S. opened the new residence for girls at Saskatoon, and took over the "Lucy Baker" residence at Prince Albert, the Mistawasis Mission to the Indians, and the "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, at Canora.

To recount all that has been attempted and accomplished in the Provincial during the years since June, 1925, would take too long. We can only mention a few, for which we give most grateful thanks to the leading of our Heavenly Father. Four of our young women have answered the call to service overseas. Miss Lily Simpson, R.N., was the first, and went to her field in Jhansi, India. Miss Eleanor McKechnie, R.N., of Valparaiso, is working in the Gwalior Field in India. Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., after serving for a time in our Canora Hospital, is working in the MacKay Memorial Hospital at Taihoku, Formosa. Miss Mary Sherrick, a graduate of Saskatoon University and a student for a year in our Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, was appointed last year to Amkhut in the Bhil Field, India. In the same period Saskatchewan has had four young women fit themselves by training at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto for service in Canada—Miss Anna Brell, now Mrs. Hugh Jack of Red Deer Manse, Alberta; Miss Millicent Walker, now Mrs. John R. Waldie of Mosa Burns Manse, Ontario; Miss Elizabeth Walker, Deaconess to St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, Ontario, and Miss Evelyn Forsyth, of Swift Current.

For the work being done by Miss Lily Macarthur at Regina, and Miss Helen Ross at Saskatoon, we will always be grateful. By their visiting in homes and assistance in Sunday Schools, they have helped to lay well and truly the foundations of future congregations. And now Miss Hazel Macdonald at Prince Albert is welcome among us. We regard the possibilities of extension in the Prince Albert district as most hopeful and follow with interest the activities of our deaconess to whom we look for leadership among the women and girls of our frontier fields.

To understand Saskatchewan one must live there. Think of its extent, of its lakes and streams in some parts, in others its scarcity of water even under normal conditions, of its boundless stretches of prairie land, and its almost entire dependence on the production and sale of wheat. Then try to picture conditions when suddenly over wide areas of the wheat lands comes a year of devastating drought and no crop. With such conditions prevailing, with unemployment general, and no price for the wheat grown in good parts of the province the resources of the people are sadly depleted. Government relief becomes the lot of thousands.

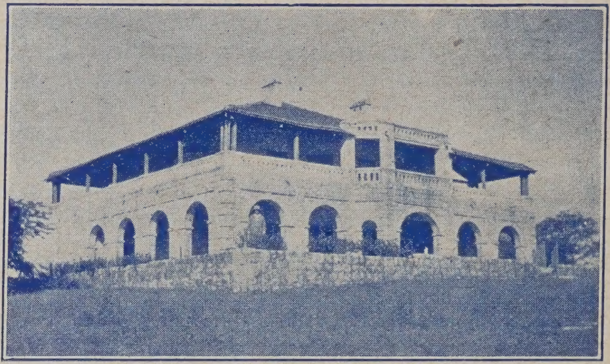
Communities in all parts of the Dominion have sent to Saskatchewan car loads of fruit and vegetables and the Churches have gathered and distributed through depots set up in Regina large supplies of clothing. To be here and see what human sympathy prompts people to do for those in need, is to marvel and give thanks.

Naturally, such conditions must have inevitable reactions. One difficulty has been keeping open our Mission Fields and meeting our W.M.S. allocations. At some points where since Union we have had no Church services, the little group of devoted W.M.S. women have faithfully continued to meet regularly for study and prayer, and to contribute systematically and generously. But despite every endeavor, we face a steadily declining treasury, over against a steadily rising opportunity through new doors that present conditions have opened.

Our W.M.S. women have faced their task, and served faithfully the cause they love. Meetings have been kept up for study and for prayer and there has been no repining. Instead there is a sustained and increased endeavor and a courageous faith in the One whose Commission they have accepted and upon whose promised power they rely.

Is this the time, O Church of Christ! to sound
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?
Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront,
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont
To play the laggard, when God's will was found?

No! rather, strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy Kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's.
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.



Our W.M.S. Bungalow, Amkhut

The Work of the Women's Missionary Society in 1924 and 1934

Organization

Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, organized in 1864.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, organized 1876.

Women's Home Missionary Society, 1903. (Begun as the Atlin Nurses' Committee in 1898).

Amalgamated as Women's Missionary Society, 1914.

In 1924 our Society was composed of 3,515 branches; total membership 99,716; 43,000 subscriptions to the *Missionary Messenger*; total contributions from Provincial Societies $378,375.94; total from all sources $474,856.76; staff of about 240 workers.

This Society, in which we all had a part, was responsible for the following:

Work in Canada

Medical work in 14 centres.—*Alberta* 4: Vegreville, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Fort Vermilion; *British Columbia* 2: Atlin, Francois Lake; *Manitoba* 4: Teulon, Ethelbert, Pine River, Sifton; *Northern Ontario* 2: Matheson, Hearst; *Saskatchewan* 2: Canora, Wakaw.

Fourteen School Homes in Western Canada.—Six for boys, 6 for girls, 2 for both.—*Alberta* 4: Edmonton 2, Vegreville 2; *British Columbia* 1: Prince George; *Manitoba* 4: Ethelbert, Sifton, Teulon 2; *Saskatchewan* 5: Assiniboia, Battleford 2, Canora, Prince Albert.

French Work in Quebec Province.—Two Home Schools: Tourville and Namur, and grants to St. John's Hall, Quebec City, St. Pierre School, Hull; support of 24 pupils at Pointe-aux-Trembles School and 2 bursaries of $150 each.

Indian Work.—Seven Boarding Schools, 6 Day Schools—700 Indian children under our care. Boarding Schools—*British Columbia* 2: Ahousaht, Alberni; *Manitoba* 3: ''Cecilia Jeffrey'', Kenora, Portage la Prairie, Birtle; *Saskatchewan* 2: File Hills, Round Lake. Day Schools—Ucluelet, B.C.;

Swan Lake, Man.; Moose Mountain, Hurricane Hills, Coté Improved Day School and Round Plains, Sask.

Social Service.—Deaconess, hospital visitors, All People's Mission, child welfare work and work amongst Jews, Ukrainians, etc.: 20 special workers.

Department of the Stranger.—Nine special workers, stationed at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver.

Jewish Work in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg.

Home Mission Fields.—Support of 3 fields; grant to Pacific Coast Mission.

Chinese in Canada.—W.M.S. missions located in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal.

Work Abroad

INDIA.—*Medical Work.*—Five hospitals, also several dispensaries: Indore, Neemuch, Dhar, Banswara, Hat Piplia; grant to Ludhiana Christian Medical College for Women. *Educational*—3 Primary Schools: Neemuch 1, Indore 2. Five Day Schools: Mhow, Banswara, Hat Piplia, Kharua, Ujjain Christian School. Four Boarding Schools: Neemuch, Rutlam, Dhar, Amkhut. One Girls' High School, at Indore.

HONAN.—*Stations*—Changte, Weihwei, Hwaiking, Tao K'ou, Siu Wu, Wuan, Tientsin. *Hospitals* 2—Changte, Weihwei, also dispensaries and clinics and a training school at Weihwei. *Educational*—Boarding Schools 4: Changte, Weihwei, Wuan, Hwaiking; Day Schools in central stations and country districts; Industrial School for Women, Hwaiking.

SOUTH CHINA.—*Educational*—3 Boarding Schools: Kongmoon, San-ui, Shek-ki; 3 Day Schools: San-ui, Ping-Laam, Kongmoon. Canton, grant to Union Normal School. *Hospitals*—Kongmoon, Shek-ki and 3 dispensaries.

KOREA.—*Work* at Hamheung, Song Jin, Wonsan, Hoiryung, Seoul, Lungchingtsun. *Educational Work* at Hamheung, Hoiryung, Kando. *Medical Service*—Lunchingtsun, Severance Hospital, Seoul.

FORMOSA.—*Medical Work*—Mackay Memorial Hospital. *Educational Work*—Girls' High School, Tamsui; Women's School; 2 Kindergartens.

Work in 1934

In 1925, the Presbyterian Church divided sharply on the question of Church Union, with a subsequent division in the Women's Missionary Society. Those who remained in the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, found their work curtailed. They sought and found new avenues of service and, in addition to the property awarded them by the Dominion Commission, we find in 1934, our 70th anniversary year, that the following work is supported:

Work in Canada

Hospitals 3—Canora, Sask., South Porcupine, Ont., Vegreville, Alta.

School Residences 6—Saskatoon and Prince Albert, Sask., Vegreville, Alta. (2), New Liskeard, Ont., Huntingdon, Que.

Indian Residential Schools 2—Birtle, Man., ''Cecilia Jeffrey'', Kenora, Ont., an Improved Day School at Mistawasis, Sask.

Chinese Missions—Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Brockville.

Fifteen Deaconesses working in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan.

Ukrainian work in Toronto.

Hungarian work in Toronto and Hamilton.

Work Overseas

BRITISH GUIANA.—

MANCHURIA—Grant for literature and training of Bible Women.

SOUTH CHINA.—Canton "Hackett Medical College", salary Dr. Jessie MacBean and unit of support; $1,000 grant for evangelistic work.

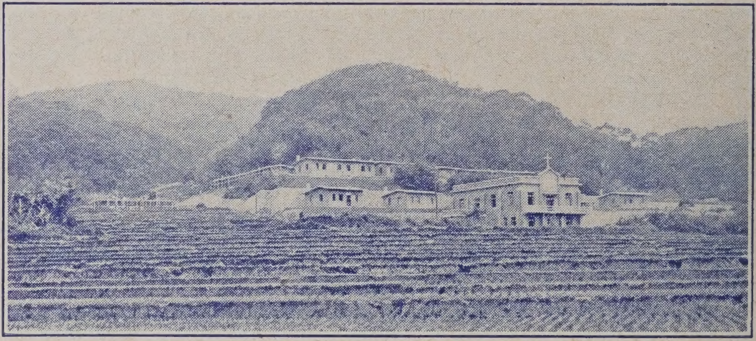
FORMOSA.—*Medical*—"Mackay" Memorial Hospital, Taihoku; *educational*—Girls' Boarding School, greatly increased, Women's School, 7 kindergartens; *evangelistic* work.

INDIA—*Medical, educational* and *evangelistic* work at Jobat, Amkhut, Sardi in the Bhil Field, and at Jhansi, Baragaon and district in the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi. Grants—Ludhiana College and St. Christophers.

JAPAN.—*Evangelistic* work in Kobe and Nagoya (30 W. M. Societies), *educational*, 7 kindergartens.

Other Departments—Welcome and Welfare, Supplies, Organization, 3 Field Secretaries, Publications, Library, Lantern Slides, Candidates.

Working Force in 1934.—1,853 Branches, 46,498 membership, total contributions from Provincial Societies $141,970.59, subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* 19,051, amount received from all sources, December, 1933, $193,237.73, staff—overseas, national, office, 97.



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa—W.M.S. Chapel in foreground

Our Magazine Tree

A Brief History of our Five Magazines

By Mamie C. G. Fraser

IN 1876, in the city of Toronto, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed "to aid the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church in the support of its work among heathen women and children."

"The scheme was new and good people looked on with amused interest, or apparent indifference." "The women, however, had the sweet confidence of youth and well-meaning zeal. But puzzling questions arose and their experience was very limited."

One of the first questions was, how to provide a medium of communication between their members and the two missionaries whose salaries they had assumed? In those days there were no missionary publications issued by women's organizations as such. They were wholly dependent on letters which came at rare intervals from missionaries in distant lands, and on publications issued by the Church.

The first letter received was from Mrs. Stothert of the Scottish Free Church, Bombay, with whom correspondence was opened, through Miss Ewing, a member of the Society. Mrs. Stothert sent 6 letters, these with 4 from Miss Rodgers and Miss Fairweather and one from Mrs. Fraser of Formosa, constituted the entire missionary intelligence available the first year.

''The Foreign Missionary Tidings''

Thus was born the *first* child of the Society known later as the *Foreign Missionary Tidings.* It lived to be 38 years of age.

Mailing the "Foreign Missionary Tidings"

As a child it did not aspire to a name. It consisted simply of letters from India and later from the New Hebrides, in the handwriting of the missionaries. These were read at the Auxiliaries. The following year they were copied by hand by members of the Board — a typewriter being too great a luxury. One copy was sent free to each Auxiliary and was *probably* the only material available for a programme. During those childhood days, Mrs. Hugh Campbell was Editor.

In 1884 the child was fondly termed the ''Monthly Letter Leaflet.''

From 1888-1897 it was placed under the care of the second Editor, Mrs. G. Hunter Robinson, during which time it again increased in size, and, in 1897, it was named the *Foreign Missionary Tidings.*

In 1898, Mrs. John MacGillivray was appointed Editor, a post to which she gave 21 years of voluntary service and had the joy of seeing the child grow to maturity.

At first, the news was chiefly from India, with occasional letters from Trinidad and the New Hebrides. Formosa was added in 1883, the Indians of Canada about 1886, Honan in 1888, then came Shanghai, the Chinese and Jews in Canada and, in 1913, North Formosa. With the growth of the Society the child grew, until June, 1914, when it had a circulation of 27,000 copies a month.

"The Home Mission Pioneer"

The finding of gold in the Klondyke and the turning of a great tide of immigration to Canada led to the organization, in 1903, of the Women's Home Missionary Society, with its slogan, "Canada for Christ." Realizing the need for publicity the women decided to issue a monthly magazine. Thus was born the *second* child of the Society. It was named the *Home Mission Pioneer.* In December, 1903, 10,000 copies were printed for free distribution. In 1908 it became self-supporting and increased in size and popularity until 1914, at the age of 10, it had a circulation of 22,403 copies a month.

It had for Editors and Associates, Mrs. J. F. McCurdy, Miss Sara Mickle, Mrs. C. P. Smith, Miss Jessye D. Houston and your present Editor, Miss Mamie C. G. Fraser. For seven years the onerous duties of editing and managing it were purely voluntary.

"The Woman's Missionary Outlook"

In 1864, the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society was formed. It, too, felt the need of a missionary magazine and agitated for one, in 1888, but it was not until 1904 that the *third* child of the Society came into existence, the *Women's Missionary Outlook.* It was in charge of an Editorial Committee of which Mrs. Ephraim Scott was the first editor and Mrs. R. E. Welsh the second and last. The number of subscriptions in 1914 was about 1,250.

"The Missionary Messenger"

In 1914, these three Societies amalgamated and the three magazines merged into one. Thus was born the *fourth* child of our Society, *The Missionary Messenger,* and Home, French and Foreign work, as separate entities, was replaced by the wider vision — world work for Christ.

Little did the noble band of pioneer women dream as they sat copying by hand the missionaries' letters for distribution, that in 1924 — the 60th anniversary — the magazine they began would have a circulation of 42,843 copies, the largest circulation, up to January, 1924, of any paper of its kind published by Women's Missionary Societies in Canada, or, as far as we could learn, in the United States or Great Britain. In this our 70th anniversary we would pay honor to the wisdom and foresight of these pioneer missionary foremothers, who planned not only the spread of missionary intelligence at a minimum cost, but initiated a system of voluntary service throughout the Society.

During the ten years of its life it had three Editors. In 1914 it was put in charge of Mrs. MacGillivray, Miss Jessye D. Houston and Miss Mamie C. G. Fraser. In 1915, Miss Houston withdrew. In 1920 Mrs. MacGillivray was made President and Miss Fraser was given sole charge.

''The Glad Tidings''

In 1925 the Presbyterian Church in Canada divided on the question of Church Union. This naturally affected the Women's Missionary Society. As a result of this, the *fifth* child of the Society was born. Although it came into being in troublous times it was called *The Glad Tidings,* a name which has been amply justified. Before the first issue was out it had 10,000 paid subscribers. In 1930 it had 22,591, and at the end of 1933 the subscribers numbered 19,051. Miss Mamie C. G. Fraser has been its only Editor.

Graduation of Presbyterian Deaconesses

DIGNITY and reverence marked the closing exercises of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home which took place in the beautiful chapel of Knox College on the evening of April 10th. Rev. H. A. Berlis, chairman of the Deaconess Board, presided. He was assisted in the devotional service by Rev. E. Forman and Rev. J. Wasson. The singing was led by the choir of Mr. Berlis' Church, Royce Ave., under the leadership of Mr. J. Bruce Jameson, and its beauty and melody greatly enriched the service.

Rev. H. A. Berlis, in a thoughtful message to the members of the graduating class, spoke of the great need for ''Compassion, which is the heartbeat of Christianity and the key to our success in Christian work''. ''With it not only would the multitudes be fed, but they would be brought nearer to the heart of God''. ''Compassion is a necessity,'' he said, ''without it our Christian Church and our Christian work will be barren and unproductive''. Mr. Berlis spoke earnestly of the great need existing today for such compassionate ministrations as a deaconess can render in churches financially unable to support such a worker, and appealed to generous individuals and congregations to provide deaconesses for poor congregations that need them but cannot afford to support them.

The Principal's report, given by Miss Winifred Ferguson, related that one of the most interesting events of the year had been the receipt of a request for information regarding the organization, membership and duties of the Order of Deaconesses, for the consideration of the Presbyterian Church in South Africa. She also stated that there were 9 students in training for 1933-34—continuing the policy to limit classes to avoid non-employment—three of whom were graduating. A matter for encouragement is that all but one of the 9 graduates of last year are at work. Touching reference was made to the death in Jobat, India, of Miss Mildred E. Soutar, R.N., a part-time student of the Training Home, and later a missionary under the W.M.S. (W.D.).

An interesting survey revealed that 25 years ago the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home was established. Since 1925, sixty students have been registered, 43 taking the two years' course, and 17 being part-time students, 51 of these are in active service—28 in Canada and 23 in overseas fields. ''If,'' said Miss Ferguson, ''in a cycle of seven years the Church has been able not only to inspire but also to employ and profit to such an extent from the consecrated service of its young womanhood—can there be any doubt of the high destiny of our Church and the Christian quality of its young people?''

Miss Elizabeth J. Walker

Miss Marion H. McClive

Miss Grace Irvine

Members of the graduating class were: Miss Elizabeth J. Walker, of Carnduff, Sask., who was awarded the general proficiency scholarship of $25; Miss Marion H. McClive, of Niagara Falls, Ont.; and Miss Grace Irvine, of Toronto, who received the essay prize of $10.

The solemn service of designation was conducted by Rev. John McNab, Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, Miss Elizabeth J. Walker being set apart for service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, Miss Ferguson pinning on her the Deaconess pin.

First year students receiving awards and certificates were: Misses Jean E. Forsyth, Alberton, P.E.I.; Mabel M. Booth, Toronto; Margaret C. Ross, Pictou, N.S.; Ruth Heighton, B.A., Vancouver; and Mrs. Winifred A. Glen, Toronto. Miss Edith Taylor, Goderich, prevented by illness from completing her year was presented with a ''Reward of Comfort''.

The Rev. W. T. McCree, Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., and Dr. John Stenhouse assisted in the presentation of these awards.

A Little Parable for Mothers

By Temple Bailey

¶ THE YOUNG MOTHER set her foot on the path of life.

¶ "Is the way long?" she asked.

¶ And her Guide said: "Yes. And the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

¶ But the young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

¶ Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come," and the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

¶ And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the Mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

¶ And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said: "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

¶ And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their Mother; and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

¶ And the Mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

¶ And the children said: "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

¶ And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We can not see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence."

—*Selected.*

Prayer

''O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.''

WE would offer Thee most humble thanks for this Year of Remembrance. With hearts overflowing with gratitude we look back over the past saying ''Hitherto hath the Lord helped us'', and with confidence will we look forward to the future. We thank Thee for the sweet and precious memories of the past, for the example and instruction and tender ministries of those who seventy years ago founded and upbuilt our Society and who today rejoice before Thee. Make us worthy of the heritage which they entrusted to us, and grant that we may serve Thee acceptably in our day and generation. Endue us, we pray Thee, with a full sense of our high calling and the opportunities and responsibilities of this great work. May we be ever conscious that we are working together with Thee and that Thou art working with us. Stand by the missionaries of the cross, in the crowded cities and lonely outposts in our own country, and in all our overseas fields. May many aching and weary hearts be drawn to Thee through their ministry. As we approach the Seventieth Anniversary of our Women's Missionary Society, we would entreat Thee to pour upon us the spirit of prayer and supplication that Thine infinite resources may be released. May we move forward into the experiences that await us in humble reliance upon Thee, and in the sure confidence that they who put their trust in Thee shall never be put to shame. May our Society continue to be a training ground for strong and worthy citizens and faithful followers of the Lord Jesus. ''In every age do Thou raise up a generation to praise Thee and a succession of faithful women to be examples and guardians of the flock, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.'' These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Barrie's Tribute to His Mother

EVER since he could remember, Barrie tells us, his one ambition had been to please his mother. When he was a bairn—so his mother used to tell him in after years—he saw nothing bonny, he never heard of her setting her heart on anything, but he flung up his head and cried, ''Wait till I'm a man''. And when the boy grew to be a man, it was to her that the first hard-earned cheques were sent. After her death, he found the envelopes that had contained them, in a box, with a bit of ribbon round them. When he began to write books; it was love of her that made him write; it is she that wanders up and down all through his pages. ''In her eyes'', he said, ''I have read all I know and would ever care to write. For when you looked into my mother's eyes you knew, as if He had told you, why God sent her into the world—it was to open the eyes of all who looked to beautiful thoughts; and that is the beginning and end of literature.'' And when, very early, fame came to her son, it made no difference. There was no one in all the world he cared for, as the little old woman with her thin white hands and dainty white mutch: at a single word he would hurry off on a long journey to see her, and when he was away, he was never so busy that he had not time to write her daily. ''My thousand letters,'' he says, ''that she so carefully preserved, always sleeping with the last beneath the sheet, where one was found when she died—they are the only writing of mine of which I shall ever boast. I would not there had been one less, though I could have written an immortal book for it.'' And when the end came, he could look back and say: ''Everything I could do for her in this life I have done since I was a boy. I look back through the years, and I cannot see the smallest thing left undone. . . . Those eyes that I could not see until I was six years old have guided me through life, and I pray God they may remain my only earthly judge to the last.''

''Happy he
With such a mother, faith in womankind
Beats with his blood, and trust in all things high
Comes easy to him, and though he trip and fall,
He shall not blind his soul with clay.''

This beautiful extract was taken from a sermon preached by the Rev. Joseph Wasson, of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Mother's Day, 1933, and broadcast.—EDITOR.

In Days Gone By

By Lereine Ballantyne

IN the early days of the Publications Department, the first letters from the missionaries were copied for distribution by hand. When the department was moved it was carried from one home to another in a market basket. Like every other branch of our glorious Society it is a far cry from the ''market basket.'' A well-equipped office, up-to-date fyles, typewriters, and well stocked book shelves are used to assist in the handling of the large mail order business which reaches out to every part of Canada and beyond the seas to keep our people informed regarding Missions.

On this, our Seventieth Anniversary as a Society, the Publications Department will make a special effort to feature some of our remaining historical references, and also to bring out something new and suitable for the occasion.

Among the earlier books a few remain, which we are offering to those who wish to secure them for their libraries, and for use in future anniversary celebrations in Auxiliaries.

THE STORY OF OUR MISSIONS, published in 1915. Just a few copies are left, and while they last they may be secured for 75c. each. This book will not be reprinted.

THE ROYAL ROAD — the first Study Book issued after 1925. While it lasts this may be purchased for 35c.

THE SEVEN SEAS OF SERVICE — the current study book, gives in chapter I, Part II, an excellent outline of the story of the Eastern Division. Price per copy 25c.

WHY I AM A PRESBYTERIAN, by Prof. W. W. Bryden, of Knox College, Toronto. This new book, just out, is challenging and comprehensive. The author is well known in our Churches and it should have a wide sale. Price $1.25 in cloth.

McQUEEN OF EDMONTON, by E. A. Corbett, M.A., is the life story of that great Presbyterian minister, the Rev. David George McQueen, D.D. This book, written by one who knew him well, gives the nobility of the man, the vivid coloring of his unique background, and above all a thrilling story, which we highly recommend. Price, in cloth, $1.50.

New Leaflets

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YOUNG WOMEN

MISSIONARY BUILDERS

O small beginnings! Ye are great and strong!
Based on a faithful heart and weariless brain,
Ye build the future fair, ye conquer wrong,
Ye earn the crown, and wear it not in vain.

AS we pause this year to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of our Society, let us pay tribute to the women who shared in the task as well as in the glory of the past seventy years. Let us look back into that pioneer past, when the foundations were being laid. We learn from the record of noble endeavor of those missionary pioneers, Canadian life and ideals have come to be what they are. Into the very fabric of our nationhood they have wrought the golden threads of honesty, integrity, benevolence and all those other noble principles, which they sought to establish.

It would be an ungrateful age, which could ever forget those pioneers, and an age which does not seek to know them is unworthy of the heritage they left behind. Their greatest bequest was that of heroic achievements. They felled the great trees of the wilderness, built the log cabin, cleared the little space for cultivation. In the isolation of settlements divided by forest, those early pioneers lived. Isolation produced the co-operation of the ''building bee'', and the trusty axe and saw of men, who feared God and nothing else, built the home, established the school and erected the church as the best gifts to the people of a later day.

It is your duty, however, to look not merely to the past, the present is your duty, today is your hour of golden opportunity. Never was there a greater opportunity for our young women members to show themselves worthy descendants of those devoted women, who laid the foundations of this Society, broad and deep. To you is given the task of erecting the structure, a building to be made of ''living stones''. These ''stones'' are scattered throughout the land, in isolated farmhouse, in small village, in busy town and in thronging city and all needing above everything else the message of Divine love.

The opportunities of today are challenging in their magnitude and compelling in their urgency. They cannot be completed without you. May the hopes, the faith, the love of those early pioneer women find fulfilment through you, the young women of today. The present calls you to meet the great tumult of the world's present needs and challenges you to immediate and unstinted toil.

Then said I to them, "Come and let us build".

And they said, "Let us rise up and build". So they strengthened their hands for this good work, for the people had a mind to work.

—Fergie D. Holman.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

BIRTHDAY CANDLES!

"When I was one,
I had just begun."

THESE lines of A. A. Milne might have been applied to Madam W.M.S. in the days when your great grandmothers were pricking their fingers over their samplers, when Africa was still considered "the dark continent", and when the telegraph system was comparatively young. But time never stands still and the year 1934 marks the seventieth birthday of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. Think what this celebration means! Think of the hundreds and thousands of girls during this period who have helped in the making of this splendid history! Girls of the sea-coast and mountain slope, of prairie farm and frontier settlement, as well as of city and industrial centre. Girls who have caught the vision of service in distant lands and girls who have been homemakers and nation builders in Canada. Now you girls of today are privileged to light the birthday candles and, in order that you may appreciate the significance of the seventy glowing flames, read this birthday number of the *Glad Tidings.* Every province has contributed its record of progress and you are certain to thrill with pride over the achievement of your own pioneer women whose lives have been rich in the fullness of living unto others less fortunate than themselves.

Already your minds will be busy planning what the girls in your particular group can do in order that the birthday candles may burn more brightly. An historic pageant; a missionary exhibit; a high tea attended in old time costume; an 1864 hobby show; a debate on the comparative service rendered to their communities by women of seventy years ago and those of the present, are among the ideas which may occur to you. Whatever your individual celebration, will you not combine your efforts in making this birthday year a shining example of what girls can do? In order that you may know where your department stands at the present, the 1933 statistics are inserted below.

Report for 1933

Girls' Organizations—302; total membership—4,352; supplies valued at $749.76; offerings $1,020.87. (Only increase over 1932 is in membership, there being 116 additional girls). Manitoba deserves congratulations for coming first. Increase along every line is her record. Quebec shows the largest number of new groups, and you will agree that 11 new ones is a triumph. Manitoba has 9 new groups and British Columbia 5. Ontario leads in individual givings, averaging 28c. per girl. Manitoba averages 27c. per girl; Saskatchewan 24c.; British Columbia 22c.; Alberta 13c., and Quebec 5c.

A girls' membership of 5,000 would be a wonderful birthday tribute to Madam W.M.S., and quite naturally that would mean a larger contribution. However, certain groups may live in areas where few new families are moving in, so that advance in membership seems impossible. Still, do not feel discouraged, for of even greater importance is increase of missionary interest and also increase in prayer. Seventy years ago interest and prayers lighted the first birthday candle of the infant Society, and by the same power the candles have been multiplied.

—M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

GRANNIE'S STORY

BETH was spending the day with her Grannie. The supper dishes had been cleared away and they were both sitting in front of the fire.

''Grannie,'' said Beth, ''Miss Williams told us at Mission Band that our Women's Missionary Society was seventy years old. That is just how old you are, isn't it?''

''Yes dear,'' replied her grandmother, ''Our Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Montreal, seventy years ago.''

''Do tell me about it Grannie,'' she said.

''Seventy years ago, in 1864, in Montreal, some Presbyterian women formed a Society to tell the story of Jesus in Canada and far-off lands. They called it the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society. I remember when I was a little girl hearing mother tell about Dr. Mackay, the young man whom the Church was sending to far-off Formosa. The world was very different then to what it is now, and Formosa seemed a very long way off. I remember thinking how brave he was to go.''

''Did you ever go to Mission Band?'' asked Beth.

''Not until I was twelve years old. We moved to Toronto and it was not until 1876 that a Women's Foreign Missionary Society was formed there. Mother was an Auxiliary member and I was delighted because she allowed me to join the "Willing Workers" Mission Band. We loved to go to the meetings and hear the missionary stories and we had lots of fun making scrap books and bags for marbles and hospital supplies. There were just three Mission Bands that year in Toronto Presbyterial, but in ten years there were fifty. Some of our missionaries who are on the Field now belonged to those Mission Bands of long ago."

"When did our National mission work start?" asked Beth.

"That started when your mother was a little girl. There had been missions to the Chinese, to the French and to the Indians before that but it was not until 1903 that the Women's Home Missionary Society was formed."

"But why was it formed Grannie?"

"It was formed because gold had been found away up north in the Klondyke and men from all parts of Canada were going there to try to make their fortunes. They often took ill and there were no hospitals and no one to look after them, so the women of the Church formed a Society to send nurses and help to them. But the Women's Home Missionary Society did not help only the men in the Klondyke. During this time and the next ten years many settlers came to Canada and the Women's Home Missionary Society tried to help them with hospitals, school homes and churches wherever there was need.

"Canada grew very quickly, so did the Missionary Societies and, in 1914, fifty years after the first little Society was formed in Montreal, our Women's Missionary Society, as it is today, was organized. For twenty years now it has worked at home and overseas carrying love and help and the story of Jesus to those in need.

"As I look back along the seventy shining years of the past, Beth, I think of the thousands of women and children who have served and given of their best for the work of our Society. As I look forward I see you and the other Mission Banders grown up and members of our Auxiliaries. May you be faithful and true soldiers of that great army that is fighting to win the world for Christ." —*B. K. Riddell.*

The Rally Day Programme will appear in the June issue. If Leaders want it now, typed copies may be had at the office, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

ONLY ONE MOTHER

MOST of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide world.—*Kate Douglas Wiggin.*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Synopsis of Lecture V.

THE PERIOD FOR WORSHIP

IN our last lecture we discussed the well balanced programme of Missionary Education. It was suggested that it should consist of Worship, Fellowship, Mission Study and Service. In this lesson let us think of the Worship period.

What is Worship? "Worship is personal communion and intercourse with God", states Dr. Luther Weigle. Worship if real, is a personal act, the Leader may help to create the right attitudes and to provide training in the act but each child to truly worship must do so himself. If the worship is to be truly Christian the children's idea of God should be God as revealed by Jesus. If they have a sincere belief in a personal God who is a loving, understanding, forgiving Father they will worship Him with love, adoration and homage. Thus we see the importance of worship.

Now let us think of some of its possible results. The individual who truly enters into the worship of God gets a fresh and clearer view of life. His relationships will be adjusted, grievances and disagreements that seemed great will be seen to be trivial when viewed in the light of God's purposes. Ideals will seem more attainable. Hope and courage will be revived. Good desires and intentions will be strengthened. Guidance and strength will be given. Without worship the Christian cannot love the more abundant life. Dare we then neglect the worship experiences of our children, or crowd them into a corner of our programme? We must not fail to make adequate preparation of both ourselves and our programme for the worship service.

But let us be very practical in this study. Of what should our programmes of Worship consist?

Prayer is one of the essential elements in children's worship as in the worship of adults. Prayers should be short and the words and thoughts within the children's understanding. They should express concrete not abstract thoughts. The Leader may ask the children to suggest what they would like to say to God and include these in her prayers, or allow the children to lead in prayer themselves. Use should also be made of the Lord's Prayer and other prayers that are suitable for children.

Music both instrumental and vocal is valuable in that it tends to inspire and create an atmosphere. In selecting hymns and songs choose those the children understand and thoughts they wish to express. If the children are small one or two verses of each hymn are usually enough.

Scripture.—Communion with God suggests that God may speak to us during worship. This He may do through a Bible reading, a story or talk. In choosing our Scripture lesson let us always keep this in mind, also the needs and age of our children.

Giving.—God may be worshipped through the act of giving or sharing, particularly when the gift given means sacrifice.

Planning the Worship Programme.—This should be planned around a central thought or theme. First the Leader should endeavor to get her pupils into the right attitude for worship. This may be done in different ways each meeting—a picture, a short story, a poem, a scripture verse or a short instrumental selection will help to focus the children's thoughts on God. Next a hymn of praise and a prayer of thanksgiving. Then the theme should be introduced in whatever way it seems best to the Leader—a question, a verse, a story, a talk, a picture, or it may be written on the board. The pupils led by the teacher may then discuss the theme and from the Bible get help and guidance. The climax of the service may be reached in song or prayer when the pupils commit their ways to God. The act of presenting their offerings and the dedication of gifts may complete the service. The worship service should never be hurried but it should not be long.

The worship experience of children is of vital importance. Humbly let us ask ourselves this question ''Who am I to be entrusted with the task of leading children into the presence of the living loving God?'' and then more humbly still let us ask God's help and endeavor ourselves to pursue a worshipful way throughout life. —*B. K. Riddell.*

The above outline is based on the fifth lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the sixth lecture is ''Practising Friendship in the Fellowship Period.''

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S. meeting, held in Grace Church, Calgary, March 20th, reported good attendance and good reports from all Secretaries. Mrs. Gowans told of the splendid response from the Auxiliaries of a large number of books for a library to be sent to the Peace River District. Mrs. C. E. Jamieson offered special prayer for each of our missionaries in India. Mrs. T. Rodgers read a most inspiring paper on Prayer, emphasizing the great need of prayer, saying that prayer and work must go together.

Group 2 of Grace W.M.S. was in charge of the programme of the March meeting at which Mrs. Innes presented a most instructive paper on ''The Status of the Woman in the East.'' A display of Eastern curios and handiwork, made by criminals in China who had been reclaimed and taught by the Salvation Army, was shown. Mrs. T. M. Allan and Mrs. J. H. Jamieson contributed a delightful duet, ''In the Secret of His Presence'', written by a Hindu convert.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE 20th annual meeting of British Columbia Provincial W.M.S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, March 13th and 14th. Delegates from many parts of the province were present and contributed to the programme. The President, Mrs. James Herd, presided at all the meetings. A banquet at which greetings were exchanged was a pleasant feature of the opening.

A well-attended evening meeting followed when the President gave her address, in which she thanked the members for their work during the past year, and encouraged them to go forward with faith and courage.

Mrs. Thos. Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, gave a full report of the work done by all departments, which on the whole, was very encouraging.

Rev. R. J. Douglas, D.D., Synodical Missionary for British Columbia, the speaker of the evening, gave an outline of the work of the Presbyterian Church in British Columbia from its beginning in 1861. Dr. Douglas spoke of some of the great hardships and difficulties encountered by those who carried on the work in the early years.

The morning session was opened by a devotional period. The theme chosen was, Faith. This subject was also used in the devotions during the day. Departmental reports were read and discussed, one of the most important being the one by the Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. MacInnes. The sum of $5,363.18 had been received. While this amount did not reach the allocation it was an advance of $100 over the previous year's givings. Mrs. R. C. Donald, Toronto, Finance Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, who is a visitor in Victoria, was present and congratulated British Columbia on the work being done, and urged the members of the W.M.S. to give at least a portion of their contributions in the early part of the year.

All the departmental reports were encouraging and proved that the women realize the importance of carrying on the missionary work of our Church. Special mention should be made of work among Young Women, Girls and Mission Bands. In all Presbyterials this branch is active.

Work among the Chinese in British Columbia is very important, as there are so many women and children of this race in Vancouver and

Victoria. The reports of the Chinese workers showed added interest. Trained leaders are constantly engaged in teaching the children. A group of pupils from the Chinese kindergarten sang several songs in English and Chinese. Mrs. H. B. Currie, Alberni, gave some interesting information regarding the work among the Indians who are gradually giving up their old customs and superstitions.

Changes in Secretaries: Y.W., Mrs. R. J. Douglas, New Westminster; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. H. H. Urquhart, Vancouver; Lantern Slide, Mrs. T. Deas, Vancouver; Press, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Armstrong. After the installation of officers by Mrs. W. Sanders, President of Victoria Presbyterial; Mrs. H. J. Barry gave the closing words.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEO. A. T. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial Society was held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21st and 22nd, in First Church, Winnipeg, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, President, in the chair. Greetings from the Anglican Church were extended by Mrs. H. D. Martin, President of the Anglican W.A. Mrs. H. G. G. Herklots spoke on ''The Art of Life''.

Mrs. R. F. Rorke, Corresponding Secretary, reported 630 Auxiliary members and 893 Mission Band members. Young Women's organizations showed progress and increased membership, also the Home Helpers. A total of $789.49 was spent for supplies for the needy in rural districts.

Mrs. W. H. McDonald, Treasurer, reported a total of $3,807.85 raised for ''Missions'', of this, Brandon Presbyterial gave $1,273.42; Superior Presbyterial $755; Winnipeg Presbyterial $1,779.42. A Special Campaign Fund of $529.32 was raised on a cent-a-week basis.

Mrs. H. I. White spoke on ''Missions'' and Rev. G. H. Gunn on his experiences in the northwest. Greetings from the Synod were extended by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Stewart.

Miss J. Stevenson reported that the Young People's and C.G.I.T. numbered groups 37, and that a membership of 368 had raised $99.78. Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flook, told of the 2,173 visits paid to the sick and strangers. A greater demand was made for books and pamphlets last year, stated Mrs. J. Payne and Mrs. Geo. Ferrier. Mrs. J. C. McCallum reported good work for Home Helpers. Mrs. Leslie reported 3 ''In Memoriam'' Certificates, 25 Junior Certificates and seals, and 12 Life Memberships and Junior pins were issued, amounting to $362.50. Mrs. J. H. Cadwell told of increasing general interest in the Church work.

Mrs. J. Stanley Flook was elected President of the Provincial. Mrs.

Hutchison's service during the last eight years was highly appreciated.

The meeting passed resolutions endorsing the work of the Manitoba League against alcoholism and the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance in enforcing Sabbath observance.

Home Helpers Entertained

Mrs. Wm. McKay entertained the Home Helpers of Kildonan Church at her home. Mrs. Brodie Anderson, President of Kildonan Auxiliary, welcomed the guests and spoke of the great help the Home Helpers are to the W.M.S. Mrs. Peter Kee gave an address on the ''Necessity of Not Neglecting Little Opportunities for Service'', showing what valuable work Home Helpers are doing in contributing so generously to the work of the W.M.S. through mite boxes. A social and musical hour followed.

Winnipeg P.S.—Optimism and success were the dominant features of the 20th annual meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial which was held in First Church, Winnipeg, February 21st and 22nd. The President, Mrs. W. J. Martin, welcomed the delegates, and in her address, ''Press on in Service'', exhorted them to make every effort to carry on the work of service and the forwarding of His Word.

The high light of the afternoon session was the word picture by Mrs. E. W. Byers, of the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian School, Kenora, who reviewed a day in the school from the early morning bell to lights out at night. She introduced Miss Belle Begg, an Indian girl, in native costume, who told of going to the school in fear, but staying to love it. In closing this quaint girl said that in later years this same school was ''Home Sweet Home'' to her. Mrs. Henry D. Martin of the Anglican W.A. with others brought greetings. The presenting of a Junior Membership to Miss Florence Jervis, of Norwood Mission Band, was another interesting item.

At the dinner hour Mrs. A. M. Long welcomed the delegates, Mrs. Wm. Scales, Morden, Man., responded. Rev. E. L. Garvin, Moderator of Winnipeg Presbytery, brought greetings from that body. The speaker of the evening was Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal of the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian School. His topic was of the responsibility of the Government and Churches toward the Indians who, with their natural methods of living gone, look upon us as Christian people to replace them with something else. Rev. W. Gordon McLean, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, pronounced the benediction.

Next morning the Secretarial reports were given. ''Abiding Life'' was the message conveyed by Mrs. F. A. Gemmel, Selkirk, Man., in her address.

The closing meeting saw Mrs. W. J. Martin returned to the office of President together with a strong and energetic executive. Two interesting addresses were given, the first by Mrs. J. R. Davidson on ''Our Hospitals and Rural Problems'', the second by Mrs. E. W. Byers who told of the spiritual side of the work among the 136 pupils. The Installation Prayer was taken by Mrs. H. Scott followed by Mrs. Nevin McWilliams whose theme for the closing words was ''Enduring by Faith''.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 53 ISLEWORTH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

ERE this reaches the hands of our readers, members of this Provincial will have met in conclave. What will the issue be, encouragement or discouragement? The answer lies in the work of the individual member throughout the year. But anon in June.

The work for this year is well launched in Chatham Presbyterial. There are several new officers and Auxiliary programmes are well planned. Special efforts are being made to care for the financial side of the work. Knox, Windsor, musical travelogue and play; St. Andrew's, Windsor, birthday teas; Wallaceburg and Ridgetown, contribution teas; Ridgetown Y.W.A. and Y.P.S., tea, and in February each member made an extra 25 cents talent money. Wallaceburg Mission Band made articles and held an auction sale, serving refreshments. Who can resist the thrill of an auction sale? At work meetings while quilts, rugs, mitts, socks, etc., are being made one member takes up a chapter in the study book, gives a paper or a talk on some missionary enterprise. Leamington Auxiliary conducted a Sunday service at the Essex County Home for the aged. The ''Uneeda'' girls group, Leamington, have been affiliated with the W.M.S. Life Membership Certificates have been given to Mrs. I. A. Hooper and Mrs. McCurdy of the ''Alexander Bartlett'' Mission Circle, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, and to Mrs. Percy King, of Valetta.

The forty-fifth anniversary of Erskine Church W.M.S., Ottawa, was celebrated in March. Mrs. E. Turcotte, President. Invitations were sent to all old members. Mrs. White, daughter of their pioneer minister, Dr. J. White, wired greetings. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of members who have passed to their long rest. The celebration continued throughout the afternoon and evening. Members were dressed in ''Ye Olde Tyme'' costumes, the rooms made attractive with interesting antiques, the coffee poured from an old service, the three story birthday cake proudly topped with 45 candles. The speakers were Mrs. C. H. Thorburn and Mrs. J. R. Hill, both of Ottawa. The first minute book of Ottawa Presbyterial, then called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was on display, this being among the documents handed down by the late Mrs. John Thorburn. The choir of the church and soloists contributed to the pleasure of the occasion.

At the executive of Stratford Presbyterial ways and means whereby a deficit might be avoided were discussed. One officer showed how by exercising her talents she would have $30.00 to add to the treasury. (We wonder what this talent was). Three new members, ladies of the manse, were welcomed. An encouraging feature was the enthusiasm of the young women present over their department.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, Peterborough Presbyterial, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary too. Three women were present who have been members for those fifty years.

Campbellford reports much enthusiasm for this year, several new officers, fine meeting with lantern slides, lecture and social hour. A member of the Auxiliary visits each meeting of the Mission Band, assisting the young leader.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Quebec City, was the place, and March 20th, the date, of the sixteenth annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Society.

Miss C. E. Cameron presided at all three sessions. There was a goodly representation from both Presbyterials. Montreal Presbyterial took charge of the devotional period in the morning, and Quebec Presbyterial in the afternoon. Departmental reports were received and an ''In Memoriam'' service led by Mrs. O. R. Campbell concluded the forenoon meeting.

In the afternoon, the chief features were the Corresponding Secretary's report, the President's address, and an enlightening account of the work in Formosa by Miss Alma Burdick, illustrated by beautifully colored views, which followed one of the most enjoyable items of the day, *viz.*: A model Mission Band meeting given by 24 of Miss Thom's Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church. These Mission Band members conducted the devotional exercises and fulfilled the duties of Secretary and Treasurer perfectly. Instead of the usual story there were recitations and choruses.

At the tea hour a delightful conference took place led by Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, and Mrs. W. D. Aiken. Chinese work in Montreal was presented by Miss A. I. Dickson. The delegates were entertained in the Kirk Hall by the Auxiliary and Y.W.A. of St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. Miller Mackay, of Levis, led the devotions at the evening meeting and Dr. A. M. Gordon, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, brought the greetings from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. Miss Burdick's address gave in an unforgettable way a vivid picture of conditions among the women of Formosa; of their needs and aspirations and how the Canadian W.M.S. is trying to meet these needs and what remains to be done.

The principal feature of encouragement in the Montreal Presbyterial during the past year, has been the unusually large number of Young Women's groups, formed under the influence of Miss Pelton's itinerary and tireless endeavor in placing before the Young Women, in an attractive manner, their responsibility in Christian service.

In the Quebec Presbyterial, the outstanding achievement has been the carrying on of the work faithfully and efficiently in the face of adverse conditions and depleted numbers.

Treasurer's Statement

March 31st, 1934

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "Chinese work in Toronto"	$140.00
Miss McDonald, Ottawa, "Work in Northern Ontario"	10.00
A Friend	25.15
Government Grant for Mistawasis Indian Day School	202.50
Rent from W.M.S. Eastern Division for Bungalow in Japan	30.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Ontario	4,900.00
Quebec	1,000.00
	$6,307.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$437.70
Canora	309.99
Vegreville	353.41
Chinese in Canada	843.71
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	568.66
Birtle Indian Residential School	573.68
Mistawasis Indian Day School	127.50
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
Prince Albert	89.16
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	68.33
Vegreville	339.33
Welcome and Welfare	1,325.30
Publications	664.33
Organization	381.66
Library	43.54
Deputation	86.55
Pensions	116.66
Lantern Slides	11.65
Supplies	26.85
Canadian School of Missions	100.00
Grant to Knox College	100.00
Grant to Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Formosa	1,042.22
India, Bhil Field	4,032.88
Jhansi Field	3,301.30
South China	554.15
Japan	95.83
Exchange	1,396.70
Administration	516.00
	$17,773.75

RESERVE FUNDS

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British Guiana Relief (Sustaining Fund)	200.00

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN,

Treasurer.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Edmonton P.S.—Brownvale Associate Society.

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Hamilton P.S.—''Mildred Soutar'' Y.W.A., Grimsby.
Kingston P.S.—Y.W.A., Madoc.

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Montreal P.S.—Mrs. I. M. Anderson, presented by Mrs. J. W. Kilgour, both of Beauharnois.

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A DISTRICT visitor told of the *Glad Tidings* being taken in a family, where the mother is not a W.M.S. member, because a ten-year-old boy liked the missionary stories.

A mother said:: ''We may have to ask help before the winter is over, but we *must* have the *Tidings.*''

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Editorial

Annual Meetings and Anniversaries

THE value of Annual Meetings and the wisdom of spending the money necessary to hold them is sometimes questioned. But those who attend these gatherings feel very differently; they know their value, and the help and inspiration they receive as they mingle with other W.M.S. women, discuss their difficulties and receive suggestions for their solution. They learn also that burdens and problems are not limited to one place or to one person; they are common to all, and, encouraged by this knowledge, inspired by the story of the work as unfolded in reports and conferences and by the messages from missionaries and leaders, they go back to their work with new vision and fresh courage.

Then there are the Anniversaries. With the honorable age of our Society, these 50th and 60th and 70th remembrance days will be coming with unerring regularity. Let us by all means celebrate these priceless occasions, honor the memory of pioneer workers and give gratitude for the glory of the past, but, let us not get so ensnared and enamored with the ''glorious achievements of the days that are gone'' that we feel the present has nothing to offer. Our Master pointed out the pathway of duty as lying straight between these two extremes. He said, ''Look on the fields . . . they are white already unto the harvest . . .'' It is our duty to look not merely to the past, not alone to the future, the present is the day of duty and the hour of our opportunity. Never have we looked upon such fields of Christian service as may be found today. The great opportunity is not months ahead, nor does it lie years behind. Now is the great day for venturing faith and whole-hearted service.

Missionaries on Furlough

WE are just now in the happy condition of having the overseas missionaries who went out in 1927 and 1928 coming back for their first furlough. Three of these have arrived in Canada: Miss Jean C. MacLean, of Kobe, Japan; Miss Lily A. Simpson, the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, India; and Miss Marion H. Williamson, Amkhut, India. The other two, Miss M. M. Ramsay, Taihoku, and Miss Dorothy C. Douglas, Tamsui, Formosa, are due July 18th. To each one we say ''Welcome Home''. All these missionaries will take a much needed rest for three months before attempting public addresses, and when this period of absolutely necessary rest is over for these devoted and capable workers, we know we shall hear messages that will add greatly to our interest in these five fascinating fields.

Another missionary, Miss Catherine Moodie, Jhansi, India, is home, but not on furlough. She has left our W.M.S. staff and shortly will become the wife of Mr. Angus Mackay, of Jhansi, India. We rejoice in their happiness and in the fact that their marriage will mean the establishment of a new home in the Mission and that Miss Moodie, who did such splendid work, is to continue.

Rev. L. L. Young, Mrs. Young and their son, of Kobe, Japan, have left for Canada. We had hoped to have Mr. Young address the Council meeting but Mrs. Young is not very well and they are resting for a time in California.

Rev. James and Mrs. Dickson, and family, of Taihoku, Formosa, also on furlough, arrive in San Francisco June 27th.

Miss Margaret M. Ramsay, Formosa

Miss Dorothy C. Douglas, Formosa

Miss Jean C. MacLean, Kobe, Japan

A Beloved Port Worker Passes

WE record with sorrow and a deep sense of loss the passing on April 22nd of Miss R. R. Scott, our beloved port worker at Quebec. Miss Scott was one of those rare sweet souls whose work was quiet but thorough, whose reports were brief but whose service was large. Miss Scott was a perfect example of a devoted Auxiliary member and at the time of her death was President of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec City, and though frail, had arranged every detail of the Provincial meeting held there, and was rewarded by the knowledge that the work in her beloved Presbyterial would go forward as a result of the inspiration of that gathering.

The following resolution was read at the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We the members of the Council Executive do hereby record our sorrow and the loss to our Society in the death of this devoted worker. Miss Scott was the first to greet and extend a welcome to newcomers upon their arrival in Canada. Her associations with other workers and Government and steamship officials were those which gained for her the esteem of all with whom she came in contact. At the time of her death, on April 22nd, Miss Scott was President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, a valued member of the City Mission and City Relief Committee. In all of these organizations she will be greatly missed, but to the New Canadians, who were her special care, her gentle ministry and friendship remain as a fragrant and loving memory.

To her sister and brother, who mourn her loss, we would extend our sincere sympathy and prayers for Divine comfort.

In placing this memorial upon the records of our Society, we quote these words:

> ''A woman, gentle, true, was she whom God hath called to dwell with Him above, a recompense well earned and well bestowed. Cultured, refined, adorned with piety, revered she'll stand within that blest abode.''

South Africa Asks for ''Glad Tidings''

A POST card from South Africa bears this thrilling message: ''The *Glad Tidings* for February, 1934, has come and our ladies all feel it is so useful with its 'History of the Day of Prayer' that I venture to ask if your ladies who have copies could spare me one dozen or more for distribution in South Africa.''

The above message came on a post card bearing the South African stamp. It is a delightful experience, especially in this 70th anniversary year, for your Editor to share with the members this call of Empire.

Victrolas for Formosa and India

OUR request for a victrola for Formosa has met with a delightful response. Two beautiful instruments have been received. Miss Adams has taken one to Formosa and the second is going to the Bhil field, India, with Miss McConnell. The delight of the missionaries over these gifts will only be exceeded by the joy of the people in these far distant places who will thrill to the music the fine records provide. The kind donors cannot conceive the pleasure their gifts will give.

Editorial Notes

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hildred of Sikip, Sask., in the birth of a little daughter. Mrs. Hildred is better known to us as Dorothy Jenkinson.

Miss McDonald of the Prince Albert Residence, who has been very ill, is recovering.

The Late Mrs. I. C. Sharp

Honorary President of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

''For all the saints, who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.''

THIS is the triumph song that rings in our hearts as we think of Mrs. I. C. Sharp, outstanding leader in W.M.S. work, and wonderful friend who has gone from our midst. Back of all the memories that well up in our hearts as we think of her lies the hampering ''inexpressible'', for no great life can be portrayed in words and no pen can adequately express the tribute we would pay our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, of Montreal, who, on April 10th, passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herman H. Pitts, of Ottawa.

Mrs. I. C. Sharp

We have so many lovely memories of her. Outstanding among those we hold dear we would speak of but four. The first was at the Amalgamation Meeting, May 15th, 1914, in Knox Church, Toronto, when she took her place on the platform with the Presidents of the other two amalgamating Societies. The next was at the annual meeting of the General Council in Calgary, May, 1920, over which she was unexpectedly called to preside. The infinite tact, calm judgment, poise and wisdom she displayed marked her as a born leader. The third was at the memorable Council Meeting in St. Andrew's Church. Ottawa, in 1929, when she presented the long service medals to Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Miss Agnes I. Dickson, and pioneer service medals to Mrs. Goforth, Mrs. Wilkie, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Gauld. Nothing could have been more beautiful. Another was the gathering in Knox Church, Toronto, on June 12th, 1925, when her voice led that great congregation in their devotions and her prayer became ours, ''Let this crisis in our Church and W.M.S. arouse us to greater effort, greater consecration, fervor and zeal.''

Helen Jean Sharp was the daughter of the late Cosmo Faulkner MacLeod and Anne Forbes of Kings County, New Brunswick, and the widow of Dr. I. Clarence Sharp, of Montreal.

Always a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Mrs. Sharp took a prominent part in the Sunday School and Mission Bands in Marysville, N.B. On moving to Montreal, in 1898, she devoted a great portion of her life to the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

In 1911, Mrs. Sharp was elected President of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. Upon the amalgamation of the three Missionary Societies in the Western Division, in 1914, she became first Vice-President of the newly organized Women's Missionary Society. Later, when the Provincial Societies were formed, she was chosen President of the Quebec Provincial, a post she held for over twenty-one years. At the time of her death she was Honorary President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mrs. Sharp was intensely interested in the well being of Canada and took a prominent part in every agency to promote its good. The daughter of a cousin of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, she was an ardent Conservative and at the time of her death was first Vice-President of the Women's Conservative Association of Montreal.

The funeral service in Ottawa was conducted by the Reverend W. H. Leathem, D.D., minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the public service in Saint Andrew's Church, Fredericton, N.B., by the Reverend George E. Ross, D.D., minister of the Church, formerly minister of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, of which Mrs. Sharp was an active member for 36 years.

Taking as his text, the words of our Lord as He drew near the close of His earthly ministry, ''Father I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do'', and the Master's commendation, ''Well done! Good and faithful'', Dr. Ross lifted the hearts of his hearers from any thought of sorrow to thanksgiving to God for giving to our Church and the world a life so fragrant with hallowed memories, and for the grace given to His servant to render such long and distinguished service for the cause of her Master and His world-wide Kingdom. Very beautiful was his reference to her ''homecoming to the scene of her early life, the place so dear to her heart; to be laid at rest, beside her sainted consort — the good physician, in the beautiful valley of the Saint John.'' Speaking of Mrs. Sharp as President of Quebec Provincial he said, ''With what dignity and grace and devotion she occupied this honored post! How carefully were her public addresses prepared and with what exquisite taste she delivered them. Never can we forget the alertness of her step, the erectness of her form, the clear resonance of her voice, the commanding attitude of one who knew her subject and was thoroughly convinced of its truth.

But in no sphere of thought and life was she more assuring than in her personal spiritual experience. God was always very real and very near to her. Her religious convictions were as deep and strong as they were true. Her faith kept her ever steadfast and nothing could swerve her from her loyalty and devotion to her Master and her Church.

May God ever give us noble women like her upon whose brows the world may well place its choicest garlands of respect and affection and thank God they have lived and loved and served.''

The final honor was paid Mrs. Sharp in the memorial service held in St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, Montreal, in which she had been an active member for 36 years. Miss C. E. Cameron, successor to Mrs. Sharp as President of the Quebec Provincial Board, presided. Mrs. G. W. Grier conducted the devotions. Mrs. J. D. Anderson read the memorial resolution adopted by the Board and the Rev. W. L. Williman, pastor of the Church, paid tribute to Mrs. Sharp as a member, teacher in the Sunday School, the organizer of the Ladies' Aid and its President for nine years.

The beautiful memorial resolution by Quebec Provincial Board, appears under the Quebec Provincial News.

The following is the resolution passed by the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, April 24th, 1934, in memory of Mrs. I. C. Sharp.

> Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our sister departed, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, the beloved Honorary President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we the members of the Council Executive desire to place on record our sorrow in her death and our proud and thankful remembrance of her life.
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> Mrs. Sharp's presence at the meetings of Council was a continual reminder that we were met to carry on the business of the great King, to Whom we had pledged our loyal and devoted service. We recall her charming and dignified bearing, her clear and definite thought expressed in choicest phrase, her confident and beautiful prayers. These we recognize as the marks of the lifelong devotion of her disciplined mind, heart and spirit to the service of God.
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> To her sisters and their children, to her co-workers in Quebec, and to all who remember her with affection, we extend our sincere sympathy.
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> *''Now the day drew on that Christiana must be gone. So she came forth, and entered the river, with a beckon of farewell to those that followed her to the river side. The last words that she was heard to say were, 'I come, Lord, to be with Thee, and to bless Thee.'*
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> *So she went and called, and entered in at the gate with all the ceremonies of joy that her husband, Christian, had entered with before her. Tell them also of Christian and Christiana, his wife, and how she came after her husband. Tell them also of what a happy end she made, and whither she is gone.''*

Our National Mission Work

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

IN looking over the results of the year's work, we must give thanks to Almighty God for His leading, and for evidences of divine blessing upon the work done by Church and Women's Missionary Society, made possible by assistance of grants made by the Government's Indian Department.

To quote from an article prepared by Rev. E. H. Lockhart for use in a western Presbyterial:

''To understand the work you must first get an idea of the life of the Indians on the Reserves. Here we find land set apart by the Government for these people, for which they pay no money and no taxes—school, municipal, provincial or federal. The land is not apportioned, as you might think, so much to the individual man or family. Every man is privileged to farm as much as he desires without any danger whatever of quarreling among them over not getting enough. There is an over-abundance of land as compared with their willingness to farm. I could take you to the Rossburn Reserve, for instance, consisting of 25,600 acres of land, on which Reserve you will find about fifty families, and there is less than 900 acres under cultivation, or about one acre for every twenty-eight and a half.

''The small houses in which they live have walls built of logs, a work done by the Indians themselves; and the Government provides the material and the labor for the roofing and flooring of these buildings. Many of these dwellings consist of only one room; a few have an upstairs.

Bella Begg, Graduate and now laundry matron at "Cecilia Jeffrey" School

''From these Reserves and these homes come the children that we have in our school. They come with their inherited tendencies to indolence and to looseness of morals. We like to get them at seven years of age. But the Indian, as a rule, is slow to decide on signing in his child, with the result that we have them entering as old as eleven or even older, and having to commence at the beginning of the public school course.''

One half of each day is spent in the classroom where, beginning at age 7, eight grades are completed at 18 years. The other half of each day is spent learning habits of work. Girls are taught nursing, laundry, general housework, as well as to sew, mend and cook. Boys learn farming, care of poultry and stock, carpentry and manual training.

The W.M.S. continues its work in 2 large Government owned buildings, operated by the Society, and in one Improved Day School where noon lunches are served under the supervision of Mrs. Moore, mother of the teacher.

Birtle, Man.—Capacity 115 pupils, Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Superintendent. During the year Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Currie, who had served the Church and W.M.S. so faithfully for over 20 years, owing to Mrs. Currie's health were obliged to retire. We record appreciation of their faithful service. We were fortunate in securing the Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Lockhart who began work in the autumn. ''I am finding the work very interesting'', he says. ''We have many boys and girls whom to know is to love, and to see in them great capabilities.''

''Cecilia Jeffrey'', Kenora, Ont.—Capacity 146, Mr. E. W. Byers, Superintendent. The teaching of farming and stock raising has resulted in a herd of 40 cattle, some of which took prizes at the Winter Fair in Toronto. Good progress has been made in the 3 school-rooms in spite of the fact that every pupil spends only half a day in school and the other in acquiring skill in house or farm life. Mr. and Mrs. Byers deserve tribute for their faithful work and real interest in the pupils.

Indian Children at Birtle

We are much indebted to Government officials, Synodical Missionaries, school staffs for their help in this work; to Rev. W. L. Atkinson, of Kenora, and Rev. H. T. White, of Birtle, for spiritual oversight, also, to the members of W.M.S. Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. Groups, in short, all who have given, prayed and studied these needs, and to whom a great harvest has been given.

''I have been associated with many Sunday Schools and I never saw children as well behaved as here.'' A graduate writes: ''If there had been no school I would not be the happy girl I am today . . . . I would never have known my Saviour . . . and the peace of sins forgiven.'' Each year sees more baptisms and lives consecrated to Christian service.

Mistawasis, Sask.—Improved Day School, Rev. W. W. Moore, teacher, 23 children were on the roll. Some were boarded with an Indian family near by. A new Church, planned and built wholly by Indian labor, with Mr. Joe Dreaver as contractor, is a great credit to the training he received years ago in Regina Indian School. Those who require an answer to the query, ''Does Indian work pay?'' should have seen the fine row of Indian elders who greeted Dr. Kannawin at the dedication service.

CHINESE IN CANADA

VICTORIA.—The kindergarten, under the Misses Scott and Lee, has had an enrollment of 45. In June, 14 children entered public schools and 2 went to China. Miss Scott taught English class bi-weekly, and Miss Lee and the Rev. Mr. Leung, classes in Chinese daily. There was an attendance of 60 of all grades. The Mission Band, of 17 members, studied ''Big Ships and Little People'' and ''Flowers in Far Fields'', besides sewing and making scrap books. The C.G.I.T. Group of 13 members, studied ''The Seven Seas of Service'' and ''Who is My Neighbor?'', and corresponded with a girl at the ''Helen Macdonald'' School in Jhansi, India. A Victorian Order Nurse gave them health lectures. The choir had gowns and mortar boards presented to them by the Chinese ladies, who had made them. The Y.P.S. has 30 members. The President, Solomon Leung, has gone to McGill to study Theology; he was succeeded by his sister, Rebecca. The W.M.S., with 15 members, ordered their own Bibles from China, helped with supplies, contributed $59.22, exceeding their allocation.

Chinese Choir, Victoria, B.C.

Vancouver.—Mrs. Louie reports 358 visits made. The W.M.S., of 18 members, raised $18.49. One young man has been baptized, and the Christian Chinese families are showing evidence of their faith in God. Miss Yeandle emphasizes what the prayers of the workers and their friends have done for that mission. There are 60 in the kindergarten. The Mission Band, with 12 boys and girls, raised $1.20 and sent 2 boxes of supplies to the Peace River district. The Girls' Guild of 12 members, contributed $1.00 to missions and helped with Mission Band supplies. The senior girls have been studying the life of Christ, Miss Pansy Yeung, who has been attending the Bible School, took the highest marks in her class. Mr. Gregor McCrae looks after the senior boys. The 'teen-age girls attended the ''Stay-at-Home'' Camp, and 17 others were conveyed daily, for three weeks, to Fairview Church.

Regina.—Mrs. Martin's work has been mostly the distribution of literature. Hospitals have been visited and jail work is a new departure.

Toronto.—In September, Miss Esther Armstrong, Vancouver, was appointed head worker here. Mrs. W. F. Adams helped for two months, and endeared herself to the Chinese people. Miss Dickson conducted the vacation school, assisted by the Misses Petch, K. Mark, Fay Wong and Wright. They had a record attendance and their usual happy garden party at the Deaconess Training Home. The kindergarten has grown from 11 to 22. The Mission Band, led by Miss Armstrong and Miss Yeung, has a membership of 40, and contributed $6.00 to the W.M.S. Miss Lambert instructs the boys in wood-working. The Scouts are doing exceedingly well, under the leadership of Mr. G. Haines, and Scout D. Quan has been of great assistance to Miss Lambert. There are 2 C.G.I.T. Groups, the Seniors, under Miss Jean MacMurchy, and the Juniors, under Miss Armstrong and Miss P. Gurney. St. Andrew's Church kindly placed their gymnasium at the disposal of these groups one evening a week. The women's Sunday afternoon classes, conducted by Mrs. Ma, are well attended. The women held a bazaar and made $140.00, which goes to China for missions and relief work. There is excellent attendance at the Sunday School in Cooke's Church.

Brockville.—Miss Davies continues to work with the most wonderful spirit of faith and love, visiting the people in their homes, hospitals and asylums; smoothing out their difficulties, guiding and defending the young and brightening their lives in many ways. She visited Chinese people in 10 different places. One Chinese girl of twelve, in Brockville, has answered perfectly the first 56 questions of the Shorter Catechism, and is looking forward to receiving a Bible, for completing it this year.

Montreal.—There has been an average of 20 women at the monthly meetings. A class for non-Chinese mothers has been held. One Christian woman has been given Bible lessons every Sunday, and Miss Dickson has also taught a boys' class. Homes have been visited regularly, children taken to hospitals and dental clinics, births registered and many other matters looked after where interpreting is needed. Miss I. Rowat is carrying on the ''Helping Hand'' Club most acceptably. Solomon Leung, Victoria, a McGill student, is helping with the boys. Fourteen girls are taking music lessons. The kindergarten has an enrollment of 30. In September, five children entered the *second* year, public school, credit for this is due Mrs. Herman. The parents are much pleased with this and also with the progress the children are making in Chinese under Miss Jue. Our children have been invited to take part in the Mission Band rallies at the different Churches, and our student at the Institute for the Deaf is giving a good account of himself. Mrs. Herman and Miss Jue conducted the summer school. Miss Dickson made 4 visits to Toronto and Ottawa, the work in the latter place, under Miss K. Reid, is most encouraging. Miss Dickson also visited Windsor, Leamington, Chatham, Ingersoll, London, Brantford and Toronto.

HOSPITALS

VEGREVILLE, ALTA., **The "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital.**—The Superintendent, Miss A. L. McPherson, reports 277 patients treated, 144 medical, 83 surgical and 50 obstetrical. They have felt the depression more than in the preceding year, collections being poor, and the majority of patients only able to give produce in payment of their hospital accounts, and a great many not even able to do that. The vegetables raised in their own garden have been of great help, as they were able to can sufficient to supply them until the fresh vegetables come in.

Deep appreciation is expressed to the "Hospital Aid" for not only completely refurnishing one of the private wards, but also for many smaller gifts, and 100 quarts of canned fruit. Sincere thanks is extended to the different Presbyterials for their welcome bales that enabled the Superintendent to outfit the new-born babies, and to give help to needy patients. Warm tribute is paid to Dr. Reid for his many kindnesses to the staff, and for his loyal support of the hospital.

Dukhobor women, Canora. Some were our hospital patients.

Canora, Sask., The "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital.—Miss M. W. Cuddy, Superintendent, reports 471 patients admitted. Births numbered 49, with 92 per cent. living births, surgical operations 182. The municipalities served by the hospital, met their financial obligations splendidly, three of them paying their accounts in full, and the other three in part. Much of the collections were in fuel and farm produce. Supplies have been satisfactory as to quality and suitability. They were much needed and gratefully received.

One of the most appreciated gifts of the year was a fracture bed. This with the fracture table, given by the Hospital Aid last year, makes a very complete unit for taking care of fracture cases. The Hospital Aid in the spring donated $65.00 to help in the repair and renewal of batteries, but their main donation for the year was a new washing machine, which cost, when delivered, about $350.00. Cash donations from the Preeceville Homemakers' Club, the Preeceville Farmers' Wives' Club, the Mikado C.G.I.T. and from an individual donor, made possible the purchase of smaller pieces of equipment. The gift of $95.00 from the Superintendent and nurses put new linoleum on the two lower wards. Magazines and books received were greatly appreciated.

Miss Cuddy says, "To all who have contributed to our work, I am deeply appreciative. Their gifts have meant another step in efficiency of equipment, or another ray of happiness and comfort to those we have been sent to serve. Our work brings us in touch with much suffering and sorrow, many pitiful and heartbreaking circumstances. Your staff have conscientiously tried to meet the challenge of service; that our efforts have fallen short of the ideal we fully appreciate. It is, however, gratifying to feel, that those we serve are always ready to assist in anything for the hospital, and from time to time come back to see us and in turn invite us to their homes.' '

Miss M. W. Cuddy and "Chubby"

South Porcupine, Ont., The "Presbyterian Hospital" had a record year, with an increase in admissions of 60 per cent. The Superintendent, Miss M. B. Wenger, reports 385 patients treated—81 medical, 20 accident, 40 obstetrical, and 209 surgical. A number of minor cases who did not remain in the hospital were given treatment. An increase in receipts enabled the Superintendent to purchase a washing machine, an electric ironer, operating-room equipment, make necessary repairs to the building, and contribute $700 to the Society's general fund. Miss Wenger says that with the vast improvement in the labor situation there, and the opening up of new mines in the immediate vicinity, it is only a question of time till serious consideration will have to be given to putting an extension to the hospital. Last year, with as high as 53 patients admitted in one month (August) and 9 operations in one day, the accommodation of a ten bed hospital was more than severely taxed.

PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

ENCOURAGING reports have been received from all the School Residences. The Superintendents are expert financiers, as shown by the creditable balance, with which they closed their books, despite the fact, that each institution paid its own fuel bill, which is no small item. Two of the Residences raised enough vegetables to last throughout the year. The health of the students has been excellent. In one Residence, with a family of 25, no case of illness was reported.

Vegreville, Alta.—After five years of faithful service, Mrs. A. Robertson retired on August 1st, from the Superintendency of the Boys' Home, and, on September 1st, Miss Isabel Gibson, Calgary, was appointed to the position of Matron. Miss A. McKee, who has been Matron of the Girls' Residence for many years, took charge, most acceptably, of both Residences in August, and has been of great help to Miss Gibson. Miss Gibson has already endeared herself to the children, and is doing good work in the Residence and in the Church. Mrs. Miller, who has given such valuable service to both Residences is still carrying on her good work.

The number of pupils was not as large as formerly, owing to conditions in that district. Many parents were only able to pay by bringing in produce, meat or wood. During the winter sufficient meat was received, not only to supply their immediate needs, but enough, when canned, to last until summer. There is a large garden in connection with the Residences, and Mrs. Miller canned about 400 quarts of vegetables, which means that very few had to be bought. From January to June there were 27 children enrolled, and from September to December, 21. The sum of $919.91 was remitted to Toronto.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Miss Scott, who had given six years of valuable service as Superintendent left, in August, to take up deaconess work in Calgary, and Miss Geddes, her faithful assistant for four years, was appointed Superintendent. Before leaving, Miss Scott had asked permission of the Council Executive to admit business girls to the Residence, as financial conditions still kept the number of students small. This was granted, and the venture has proved a success. The second floor was reserved for the 11 business girls, and the first floor for the 7 students.

Miss Geddes teaches the ''Blue Banner'' Bible class which, for years, has been the centre of the students' home life. It meets each Sunday afternoon. The girls also take a great interest in the monthly missionary meeting for which they prepare and give papers. The summer school held a most successful session, in the Residence in July.

Prince Albert, Sask.—The continued depression and low price of farm produce is responsible for the small number in the Residence. The January term opened with only 3 students—a fourth entering at Easter. Miss Macdonald, however, took paying guests, which enabled her to close the

June term with a fair balance. September opened with 5 girls in residence—one of these is Mary Dreaver, the daughter of the Chief of Mistawasis Reserve. Mary is attending high school, and is a great favorite in the home.

New Liskeard, Ont.—This Residence has had the most successful year in its history, with the largest enrollment of students, and applications had to be refused for lack of accommodation. When school reopened in September, 8 boys and 9 girls were registered. In November, 2 more boys from New Liskeard were admitted. The garden produced enough vegetables for winter use. During the cold weather, the boys made it into a skating rink, where they spent many happy hours.

All the students except one, passed their examinations. Some did so well during the term, that they did not require to try the finals. One boy took the highest marks in his form, and two of the girls in fifth form came first and second. Two of the girls are now attending normal school in North Bay. All students attend St. Andrew's Church and Sunday School. Many of them take an interest in the Young People's Society. Miss Robertson is grateful to the various Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and friends who have contributed gifts of money and supplies.

Huntingdon, Que.—From January to June the Residence was filled to capacity as usual—25 being registered, 14 boys and 11 girls. All did well in their studies, passing successfully their June examinations. Two pupils received cash prizes for coming third in their classes. The only student taking the Junior matriculation examination passed successfully, and received a $15.00 prize, having taken the third highest marks in Grade XI. This Residence has the proud record of never having a student fail in passing this examination. The September term opened with an enrollment of 17—9 boys and 8 girls. Two boys came from Prince Edward Island, and one boy from New Brunswick, showing how far the fame of the Residence has spread. The students attend the services of St. Andrew's Church and Sunday School, and in the home are taught to take part in the daily family worship period.

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

THE story of the Deaconess work may be called the story of our country, because of its national interest and value and because it tells of the great humanitarian and Christian service to our Church, our country and our people. This year, relief work has been the largest medium of service, and, although appeals have multiplied, efforts to meet these appeals have wonderfully increased, the contributions, in many cases, being made by those of limited means and those whose giving has been joyous sacrifice. Thrilling indeed are the reports from our missionary workers who travel long distances to minister to scattered and needy families in the great north and west land. From coast to coast they are faithfully fulfilling their designation vows to ''Serve wherever God in His Providence may call'', and to serve with a single purpose that of ''Glory to God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ and the desire to save souls.'' This is the story of the Presbyterian Missionary Deaconess worker.

Port work is carried on at Quebec and Montreal. Sometimes our workers are called on to minister to those who are held in the detention rooms for various reasons. Young women are particularly grateful to have the reason of these delays explained to them, and to find some one whom they can trust, ready to advise and assist them. Difficulties and problems of those discouraged through continued unemployment, have increased the responsibilities of our city workers. As the questions of material relief grow in number the problem of sustaining the morale, and the faith of their people becomes greater. The many gifts which have found their way into the hands of our workers to be used as a practical expression of loving sympathy and interest are often the means of breaking down the barriers of reserve and bitterness and become channels of blessing to some one who perhaps has almost lost every touch with her Church.

Ukrainian congregation, Toronto, where Rev. M. Fesenko, and his wife (Julia Maystrowich) a graduate of the Deaconess Training Home are in charge.

A staff of 16—11 full time and 5 part time workers is employed in this Department.

The port work at Quebec has been taken care of by Miss R. R. Scott,* who, on behalf of our Church welcomed many who came to us from over the sea.

Miss Munro, at Montreal, continues as Deaconess at large. Her Overseas Girls' Club still provides a centre of Christian influence. The membership remains practically unbroken. Miss Hugill, St. Stephen's Sunday School, Ottawa, sees that new families moving into the neighborhood are gathered in whenever possible and those living at too great distance to attend are supplied regularly with Sunday School papers. The Hungarian folk of Toronto Presbytery are cared for by Mrs. Charles

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* Since this report was written the sad news has come of the death, on April 22nd, of this faithful and beloved worker.

Steinmetz. During the year an interesting service was held in Knox College Chapel in which these new Canadians were welcomed by the Mayor, and presented with a Canadian flag as his personal gift of good will. Mrs. Fesenko finds the present meeting place too small to accommodate the Ukrainians who wish to attend. Miss Murray, hospital visitor, thanks the Supply Department and all who keep her cupboard filled with fruit for the sick in the hospitals, also those young women who fashion the dainty layettes and garments for the poor. Miss Allan carries on in St. David's and St. Enoch's Churches, Hamilton, and also has a class in the Italian Mission. Mrs. Kovacs has organized splendid groups of women and children in the Hungarian Church in Hamilton. Miss Mary Todd has been very successful in summer camps and varied duties as Deaconess at large in Winnipeg. Miss Macarthur has been engaged on the special relief work in Regina, the growing Sunday School at Eastview, hospital visiting and work among the Chinese. Miss Ross, Saskatoon, visits in homes and hospital and helps in Young People's work. Miss Matthews has done a fine piece of work among the young women and girls in Red Deer Presbytery. Miss Shirley Scott reports encouraging work in Calgary. Miss Hazel Macdonald, Prince Albert, Sask., is meeting with success in her work among the young folk. Miss Grigor, Wanham, Alberta, sends a thrilling account of the courage, and endurance of the people to whom she ministers. Bales of supplies were distributed in almost every home. Conditions are very bad, difficulties of travel almost unsurmountable but the work goes on. Services are held and well attended in the coldest and stormiest weather. The visit of the deaconess is one of the ''red letter days'' in the homes of these far away folk.

Provincial reports give the total number of names received, 3,657; visits made 20,127; letters written 1,328; and 2,008 have connected themselves with the life of the Church.

SUPPLIES

REQUIREMENTS.—The efforts of the Supply Department have been directed to meet the requirements of the various departments of National work:—

1. Hospital work at Vegreville, Alta., Canora, Sask., and South Porcupine, Ont.
2. Presbyterian Residences for boys and girls at Vegreville, Alta., Prince Albert and Saskatoon, Sask., New Liskeard, Ont., and Huntingdon, Que.
3. Indian Residential Schools at Birtle, Man., Kenora, Ont., and Improved Day School at Mistawasis, Sask.
4. Deaconess work at ten points.
5. Chinese work in Canada at five points.
6. Mission Fields and Indian Reserves in Canada whose addresses were received from the Synodical Missionaries.

Allocations.—Allocations to meet these various requirements were prepared and forwarded to the six Provincial Supply Secretaries in the fall of 1932 so that allocations might reach Auxiliaries and other branches in time to have the supplies prepared during the winter months. Reports received from all Provincial Supply Secretaries tell of work cheerfully undertaken and faithfully accomplished.

Total estimated value of supplies $26,506.83, plus $1,269.40 for boots.

That Mission Bands and Girls' Groups are interested in supply work is evident. From all reports a better understanding of the work is resulting in the preparation of supplies of practical value.

Allocations to meet these various requirements were prepared and forwarded to Provincials, Presbyterials, Auxiliaries and other branches.

Special Gifts.—Many special gifts are gratefully acknowledged—two sewing machines, a lantern and several parcels of clothing and Christmas gifts. The sum of $1,308.32 was expended for additional furnishings and renewals.

Western Relief.—The response to an appeal for clothing for Western Relief was most generous in view of the fact that local demands were so numerous. Shipments were made direct from Presbyterial centres or from congregations to Mrs. H. R. Horne, the representative of our Church on the Voluntary Rural Relief Committee in Regina. We are grateful to the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways for free transportation of these bales.

Christmas Parcels for Land Relief Settlers.—Parcels containing underwear, sweaters, stockings, mitts and bags of candy and nuts were provided for several families whose names and addresses were received from the Land Relief Settlement Committee of the Ontario Government.

Invoices, Shipping Bills and Receipt Slips.—Three vouchers for each shipment are necessary, (1) *Invoice* showing quantity and value of supplies, (2) *Receipted shipping bill* showing weight and freight charge, (3) *Receipt slip* signed by person to whom the supplies are sent. These vouchers should reach the Council Supply Secretary complete and accurate in all details. The receipt of a cheque for $188.14 from the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, is gratefully acknowledged. This is the amount paid for freight on the bales sent to our Indian Schools in Canada. This cheque is issued only on presentation of the above named vouchers which shows the importance of having them accurate and complete.

Appreciation.—That the efforts put forth by our members are appreciated is abundantly evident from the many letters expressing gratitude from those who have received the supplies. Excerpts from some of these letters appeared in the March *Glad Tidings* which should bring encouragement and inspiration to our members in Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups and Mission Bands who are engaged in this loving service.

Western Relief

1933–1934

MRS. H. R. HORNE

TEN and a half tons of clothing received! Two hundred and seventy-five bales and parcels sent out! One thousand families helped! Six hundred and fifty letters written!

To write the above summary of a season's work does not take very long, but it holds vastly more than the mere figures. There is the need, the appeal for help, the response and arrival of supplies, the sorting and sending out to those anxiously awaiting the help, the co-operation of local distributors, the letters of thanks to the donors, and from the recipients, and the record of lessons learned from experience.

Even with all the above points enlarged on, not half the story will have been told. So much of it has been inspired and put into effect by forces that are intangible, that cannot be listed or tabulated, for they belong to the realm of sympathy, love and service.

The Extent of the Need

In extent the need of the past year came near to that of 1931. It was greatly accentuated by the depleted resources following from three to five years of absolute crop failure, economic depression and continued unemployment.

In districts, and there are many, where year has followed year with only dust and barrenness on every hand, the wonder does not lie in discouraged hearts and broken hopes, but in the fact that given any chance at all the people are still eager and ready to try again. It is not everywhere that you could find a people who could rally new courage, hope and activity in the face of what many in our province have come through.

The Provincial Government has done all in its power to provide for man and beast, while the Voluntary Rural Relief has sought to make effective, through organization and systematized endeavor, the spirit of neighborliness on a provincial-wide scale.

As a result of this effort, those whose crops were good and whose gardens were abundant gave generously of their harvest for fellow citizens who had been denied any vestige of a harvest. In this way 120 carloads of mixed vegetables were gathered for distribution in relief areas, and over $1,600.00 in cash and wheat checks were contributed. This money was used to buy yarn and flannelette which was made up into children's garments by Ladies' Guilds and Homemakers' Clubs, and distributed in the Government Relief areas. So much for Saskatchewan's self help measures along a few lines of their activities.

It was realized, however, and that early in the summer, that we would be powerless alone to cope with the situation that was developing rapidly. A disappointingly dry period was followed by a plague of grasshoppers that devoured every blade of green in sight. They crossed the country like solid armies, with a noise like nothing ever heard before, weird, thumping and hope-destroying, leaving in their wake nothing but gray, ghastly desolation, and the certainty that once more disaster had swept our province.

The Response

We knew that depression's numbing hand had settled on the east as well as the west, but we hoped some little help might come since the east had not been affected for so long, or with some of our accompanying troubles such as grasshoppers and gophers. So, after canvassing every possibility the appeal went out, and met with a splendid response! ''Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over'' is the only way to describe it.

Food cars came rolling in from Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific coast — 277 of them; 60 cars of coal, which enabled rural schools to carry on when money failed to meet fuel problems; $2,000.00 given by the Government Services Association, making as many boys and girls in rural schools happy with the gift of a warm sweater. Then came the clothing response.

Our helpers of other years throughout the east said ''The west needs our help. What can we do?'' Long years ago when the Temple was building we are told ''There was first the willing mind'', and then the gifts poured into the Treasury. Today, in 1933-34, we find the same ''willing mind'', this time taking stock of home supplies to see what can be spared; women and girls gathering to make quilts, or ''make over'' or ''make down'' used garments; ''White Gift Days'' in Sabbath Schools; sparing a blanket; letting go a coat put away for future use; knitting socks; gathering yarn; sorting out books and papers; having boots patched and repaired. Willing hearts, busy hands, tender thoughts for other's needs—all leading to the packing day when the gifts brought together form a huge pile, and the bale for Western Relief takes on form and weight and is finally ready to start on its long journey.

We were fortunate out here to find that space was again available for us at 1160 N. Broad Street. We esteemed it a real privilege to be able to carry on again in such congenial surroundings.

The supplies came slowly at first, but early in December the same old Christmas congestion was on us again. It was impossible to send out the bales as fast as they came in, but we kept steadily on sorting, packing and shipping, until barely enough time was left to produce the Christmas candles and prepare the Christmas turkey for the family's consumption on Christmas Day.

To my very efficient and loyal helpers I would pay a warm tribute. Miss Lily Macarthur, Deaconess, and Mrs. John Shaw have given many days, and if required, could, I am sure, pack a very acceptable bale with their eyes shut. A number of other good friends offered their assistance, but the space left for workers being limited we were unable to avail ourselves of their help except to a limited extent.

Varied Appeals

The appeals for clothing were, as in other years, very numerous. You will be interested in hearing a few of them.

One came from a ''Mother in Israel'', her heart sore for the need about her, and deeply interested in the children for whom she kept the Sunday School going. Her letter of thanks was delightful, telling of how so many had been helped, especially the children ''who always come first with me''; of gathering out of her bale the hot water bottle and various other things that would be useful in cases of sickness. These she explained would be available to the Municipal Doctor when needed, and would be returned to her afterwards to await their next call.

The territory of distribution through our mission fields was considerably enlarged this year, extending as it did to the British Columbia section of the Peace River, to several points in Alberta, as well as to two or three in Manitoba, and to every part of Saskatchewan. A new work this season was providing the necessary bedding for a student missionary's cabin in northern Saskatchewan, also a few little comforts, and a gramophone for recreation purposes.

Experience is always considered a good teacher, and the time to record her lessons is soon after they come, so we would mention a few things that will help in future work of this kind should it have to be done again.

1. Begin early so that Christmas may come in December where it belongs, and not in January or later where it does not fit so well.
2. Children's clothing of all kinds is most necessary. In a new country children are in almost every home, and they will wear out two outfits for every one an adult needs. Begin mending, patching and knitting in the summer time while you enjoy green lawns and glowing flowers in the cool of the evenings. If the west does not need the help, there will always be needy ones who do.
3. When you send footwear, the size marked on the sole with lead pencil is a wonderful help.
4. Size tags tied to the garments help greatly. One Auxiliary did this on everything sent. Bless them for it!
5. One thing that would be better left undone is tucking in notes with name and address and a request to write the donor. Many of these have been cunningly tucked away in pockets and sleeves. A note of kindly sympathy and good will, with only the name is all right, but when such notes with sender's address given are overlooked, they are almost sure with the usual perversity of inanimate objects to find their way to the few recipients who are ready to exploit your kindness and sympathy to secure more, and still more.

The quilts again have been marvellous, and the footwear has been unusually good and is always wanted.

The small nephew of one of our Committee asked his aunt one day if all the people in the world would ever be dead. When she in turn asked him what he thought about it he replied, ''Well, I don't know, the babies do keep coming along''. He was quite right — fourteen layettes went out on one day. What a welcome they get from the mothers and give to the babies! Each layette contains some of the dainty woollens, new and entrancing, some used baby garments, and some comforts for the mother.

Notable Contribution by the Railways

No report on Presbyterian Western Relief would be complete apart from reference to the notable contribution made again this year by the railways. Without their help none of our Churches could carry on the clothing distribution. We would express not only our deep gratitude for the free freight privilege, but also our warm appreciation of the courtesies and help we have always received from the railway officials connected with the departments in which our work was concerned.

The west is again the debtor of the east. It is a debt we can never hope to repay, but we trust that coming days will show in the development of the citizens of this great west land that they have been a people worth helping. May our contribution to Canada be of greater value because we have been tried by the fires of adversity, and made strong through a deeper realization born of our experience of God's leading, keeping an over-ruling power in our lives and our affairs.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

CAMPING time will soon be here, and summer reading planned. A number of Auxiliaries have been starting reading circles, and small lending libraries. These can be started with a half dozen or more books. It is amazing how the reading of a few of the newer books on world conditions stimulates one's interest not only in the work our Church is doing, but programmes will be easier to arrange and enjoyed much more, if the members are informed regarding actual conditions in other lands. These books are not only informative, they are very interesting.

WORLD TIDES, by Basil Mathews, outlines the situation in Japan and China, price in paper 60c.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD TO-DAY, by ten leading writers. It is new and comprehensive; in cloth $1.50.

HOW CAN I FIND GOD, by L. D. Weatherhead, a book that speaks to young people in their own language, fearlessly and frankly, and brings home real truths, $1.00.

IF I LIVED IN INDIA } These books are interesting as books
IF I LIVED IN JAPAN } of travel in picturing the countries —
35c each, in paper.

THE NEW CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST, by Stanley High. Dr. MacBean claims this is the best book she has read on the whole Eastern question. Price in cloth, $1.00.

INTERLUDES, by E. Orleans — bright little essays on the ordinary things of life. A pick-up book one could always enjoy. It contains much that could stimulate programme ideas. Price $1.00.

A REMEMBRANCE BOOKLET ON THE LATE MILDRED E. SOUTAR, R.N., price 10c each.

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MISSION BAND LEADER'S LEAFLET,	FREE.
DONT'S FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT,	"
AND HOW MUCH OWEST THOU?	"

YOUNG WOMEN

A WELL PLANNED PROGRAMME

THE ''Douglas Wilkie'' Young Women's Auxiliary of Northside Church, Regina, Sask., report the following interesting and educational programme was used by their Auxiliary last year.

Racial Influence in Canadian Life.
Influence on the New Canadian.
Possible First Impressions of a Canadian Girl in Poland.
How Canada First Impressed Me, by a Ukrainian Girl.
My Country, by a Hungarian Girl.
My Life in Canada, by a Hungarian Girl.
Ancient China.
Modern Chinese in Canada.
The New, Ancient and Modern.
Italians in Canada.
Canada's Original Inhabitants.
Indian Legends.

This was followed at the last meeting for the term, by a question and answer contest. This contest showed that the members not only absorbed at the time, but remembered each evening's programme and the study taken up.

An Appreciation

THE Young Women's Auxiliary of Chalmers' Church, Toronto, was hostess to the Young Women of Toronto Presbyterial on Tuesday evening, May 1st. Miss Laura K. Pelton was the guest of honor, and over two hundred young women, all of whom had attended Miss Pelton's Leadership Course during the past winter, were present to pay her tribute. The dinner tables were decorated to represent our various mission fields, presided over by girls in the national dress of the country, and the head tables featured the motto of our W.M.S., ''The World for Christ.''

The young women present expressed with much enthusiasm their appreciation of Miss Pelton's work among them during the past few months. Those who attended the lectures feel it has opened up possibilities of service, which had not appeared to them before and added much to their knowledge of the work of our Society.

The Task Ahead

IN surveying the reports of the Young Women's Department for the year 1933, it is interesting to note an increase in every column, except in givings. The general contributions amounted to $15,373.46, a decrease of $330.69. This works out to an average of 28 cents per member, each month. If each member had contributed one cent more each meeting, we would have had a surplus instead of a decrease.

This is the primary task, to which we must devote ourselves, this year. Let us concentrate on this vital part of our missionary endeavor, in order that next year our tabulated statement may show an increase in every column. It can be accomplished if you accept the challenge.

Every province shows an increase in some department, as follows:—

Givings.—Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec.
Thank-offerings.—Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, Saskatchewan.
Supplies.—Every province but Alberta.
Membership.—Every province but Saskatchewan.
Home Helpers.—Ontario, Saskatchewan.
Glad Tidings.—Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, Saskatchewan.
Organizations.—Every province but Saskatchewan.
Life Members.—Alberta, Ontario.
Ontario also reports one Honorary Member.

The outstanding advances were in membership, an increase of 426; organizations, increase of 16; Home Helpers, increase of 32; Supplies, increase of $628.91; and Membership Certificates, increase of 16.

—Fergie D. Holman.

A Christian is one who does for Christ's sake what he would not do otherwise.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, we would come into Thy presence with gratitude in our hearts and thanksgiving and praise upon our lips. We thank Thee for the beautiful world in which Thou hast placed us. As we approach the recreation months, lift, we pray Thee, all burdens from our hearts, quiet the anxieties of our minds, take from our lives the fever of haste and hurry, and still our foolish restless ways. Grant us renewed strength of body and mind, and Thy peace in our souls. We invoke Thy blessing upon Thy servants, the Commissioners to the General Assembly. As Thou hast called them into Thy holy ministry wilt Thou grant them Divine wisdom that they may discern Thy will in the affairs committed to their trust and be loyal and faithful to Thee in all deliberations and decisions. Guide them in all perplexities. May they be used of Thee to inspire the Church with Thy love and with new zeal for the extension of Thy Kingdom. God save our King, prosper our Dominion and our Empire, make them great not only in commerce but also in righteousness. Stand by the missionaries of the Cross who have gone forth in obedience to Thy command to labor at home and abroad. We give Thee most hearty thanks, in this anniversary year, for the precious memories of past achievements and for those who have set our feet in the path of service for Thee. May any trials that have come in recent days leave us not crushed but purified; any successes not proud but grateful. ''O Christ, our only Saviour, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, and the fire of inspiration on our lips, Thy word on our tongues, and Thy love in our hearts.'' This we ask in the Name of Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Strength for the Soul

Cultivate a Quiet Mind

There is a priceless value in a reverent approach to God. Reverence is one of the door-ways into the temple of worship. ''Be still and know that I am God.'' This may be done when we are alone or even in the midst of life's crowded places. ''If we are going to overcome the world, we must sometimes escape from it.'' Scientists tell us that the inside of a cyclone is a point of peace. ''In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.''—Isaiah 30: 15. —*Henry Clayton Rogers.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

THE PRIZE PAGEANT

WHO won the prize? That is the question which you are all eager to ask. Decision in this matter fell to the lot of Mrs. D. D. Calvin, Student Secretary on the Council Executive, Miss O. Mary Hill, Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, and your own Departmental Secretary. In addition, Mrs. J. G. Middleton was to have acted on the committee but, unfortunately, was prevented through illness. Having independently compared the merits of the various manuscripts, the three judges enclosed their decisions as to first and second choice in sealed envelopes. When, like the pie in ''Sing a Song of Sixpence,'' the envelopes were opened, there was a unanimous song of triumph for ''Good News'', the exceedingly fine production of the Senior C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Second place was awarded to ''White Star'' C.G.I.T. Group of Todmorden Church, Toronto.

The decision was not easily made since there were other outstanding pageants which revealed wealth of information concerning India and our mission fields as well as originality and dramatic ability. Two pageants, one from Central Church, Galt, and the other from the Rainbow C.G.I.T. Group, Knox Church, Galt, Ontario, deserve mention as does the one written by the Walkerton C.G.I.T. Group and that of ''Young Mariners'' of Dufferin Church, Toronto. The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, should also be included in this list. In fact the judges wished that there had been half a dozen awards. However, they feel certain that all the groups participating in the contest will join with them in congratulating the winners.

''Good News'' was presented in First Church, Montreal, on the evening of May 30th in connection with the seventieth birthday celebration of the W.M.S. The occasion will be more fully described in the July-August number of *The Glad Tidings.*

This concludes the study of India and, for next year, you may look to that nearer neighbor, Japan. During the summer keep your eyes and ears open for news of this country. Miss Mary Hill is preparing the programme suggestions which will accompany the study book. And now—

Camp!

''O summer sun, O moving trees!

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What hour shall Fate in all the future find,
Or what delight, ever to equal these:
Only to taste the warmth, the light, the wind,
Only to be alive, and feel that life is sweet?''

Such is the first thought of camp, the freedom of the great outdoors after the restraint of winter and school or workroom. But camp means more than a mere outing. It means a happiness of congenial companionship, a balanced programme of interesting activities and a storing up of physical and spiritual treasure. Below are listed the denominational camps, while information concerning the provincial, interdenominational and county C.G.I.T. camps sponsored by the various Girls' Work Boards may be obtained from the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S., Room 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

Presbyterian Camps will be held in Ontario and Quebec at:

Baden.—Junior Girls' Camp, July 4-13; Senior Girls', July 17-27; Boys', July 30-August 9.

Huntingdon, Que., Summer School.—July 2-8.

Iona Beach Summer School.—July 11-18.

Glenmohr.—Boys' Camp, July 3-12; Junior Girls', July 16-25; Young People's Summer School, July 28-August 6; Senior Girls', August 9-18.

Kintail.—Boys' Camp, July 6-14; Young People's Summer School, July 16-23; Girls' Camp, July 23-30.

MISSION BANDS

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CLIMBING ROSE

ONCE upon a time, when the world was very young, there was a beautiful garden which belonged to Flora, Queen of the Flowers. In this garden grew flowers of all kinds, stately delphiniums, shy violets, gaily colored nasturtiums and fragrant roses. Every morning very early, while the dew still sparkled, Flora walked through her garden planning the work for the day; and in the evening as the sun was setting she would walk in the garden again, talking to the flowers which she loved very much.

In one corner of the garden beside a fence there was a little rosebush. This rosebush loved its Queen dearly and was anxious to have beautiful flowers to give her pleasure. Every morning the rosebush would stretch up and spread its leaves out to drink in the sunshine, and its roots would greedily take all the moisture from the ground. The rosebush had lovely green leaves but it did not have even a bud.

One evening, when the Flower Queen was walking in her garden she stopped in front of the rosebush and looked down at it very sadly.

''Little rosebush,'' she said, ''do you know you are very selfish?''

''Selfish,'' answered the rosebush, ''how am I selfish?''

''The sunshine and the rain are given for all the flowers in my garden,'' replied the Queen. ''You have spread out your leaves so far, and your roots being strong have taken so much moisture, that there has been very little sunshine or moisture for that weak little pansy plant that is trying so hard to grow beside you.''

''But I haven't any flowers myself,'' answered the rosebush, ''and I hardly noticed the pansy plant, I didn't think that it mattered.''

''You never will have flowers,'' said Queen Flora, ''until you notice others and are willing to share with them.''

The Queen moved away and the poor little rosebush drooped. All through the evening and the long night it thought and thought, and towards morning it decided to share the sunshine and the rain with the little pansy plant. When the first streaks of dawn spread across the sky the rosebush looked all around and said to itself, ''If I could grow closer to the fence the pansy plant would have more room and get some sunshine. I will try.''

So, day after day, the rosebush worked, always pushing nearer and nearer the fence and trying in every way to share the sunshine and the rain with the pansy plant. It could feel itself growing tall. Now, instead of thinking only of itself, it thought of the pansy, and so, to give the pansy lots of room the rosebush started to climb right up the fence. The pansy plant was growing too, its yellowish leaves had become a rich green and buds had started to form. When one of these buds broke into flower it looked right up at the rosebush and smiled its thanks.

The rosebush grew rapidly. It was very happy as it climbed up the fence. It could see more of the garden now and it would tell the pansy plant all that was going on. The rosebush began to have a strange feeling, something different was happening to it, it knew. It was sure that flowers were forming but it was so busy thinking of the little pansy plant that it had very little time to think of itself. One lovely June morning the rosebush was covered with crimson flowers. All through the long sunny day the roses gave beauty and fragrance to the garden. At sunset when the Queen of the Flowers walked in her garden her heart was filled with joy and happiness when she saw her climbing rose. The rosebush, too, was happy because it had shared the sunshine with the little pansy plant.

—*B. K. Riddell.*

It makes no difference where we live,
Nor what we eat and wear,
The thing that counts the most is
That we our love shall share.

RALLY DAY PROGRAMME

Mrs. A. R. Riddell

Motto.—"Thy Kingdom Come."

Aim.—To arouse in the children the desire to help others to know about our Heavenly Father.

Quiet Music.

Leader.—"Thy Kingdom Come" is our motto for today. God's kingdom will come when men, women and little children all over the world come to know and love their Heavenly Father. This is what our Missionary Society is working for and there is something every boy and girl can do. We all know about Jesus and He has asked us to tell the story of His love to others.

In Unison.—"Thy Kingdom Come."

Leader.—Let us bow our heads and ask our Heavenly Father to be with us while we worship Him.

In Unison.—"Father as we gather here,
May we feel Thee very near;
Listen as we humbly pray,
Bless us now and every day." Amen.

Hymn 797.—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (2 or 3 verses).

Scripture.—II Kings V: 1-19.

Prayer (in unison).

We pray for little children
Who know not God above;
O hear us now, Lord Jesus,
And show them, "God is Love.

"Childsongs", Carey Bonner.

Leader.—Short prayer for "The Kingdom", followed by The Lord's Prayer, in unison.

Leader.—God has some special work every one of us may do for the Kingdom.

Hymn 779.—"The Wise May Bring Their Learning" (3 verses).

Leader.—God can use our gifts of money to bring in the Kingdom.

One Child.—God loveth a cheerful giver;
He hath said to us, freely give
Your love and money to others
To teach them the right way to live.

Inasmuch as ye give to others,
Ye have given the same to Me;
These words were spoken by Jesus
To all who His helpers would be.

(From "Junior Hymns and Carols")

LEADER.—Let us worship God with our offering.

OFFERING.

PRAYER (in unison).

> ''Dear Father in Heaven, we ask Thee to take these gifts of love and to use them in Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake.'' Amen.

ROLL CALL.

BUSINESS.

ADDRESS OR PROGRAMME.—Prepared by the individual Bands.

HYMN 799.—''God of Heaven, Hear Our Singing. (If the tune is unfamiliar use St. Oswald. This tune can be found with Hymn 603).

BENEDICTION.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

SYNOPSIS OF LECTURE VI

PRACTISING FRIENDSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

IN arranging a well balanced programme of Missionary Education the Leader should plan for a fellowship period. The spirit of good fellowship should, of course, pervade every period, but it is usually wise to set apart a short time when the Leader and pupils can become better acquainted and can practise friendship through purposeful play. We know it will be impossible to help girls and boys to become world friends unless they are good friends at home, at school, at church, or wherever they may be.

Children's play is more than a characteristic of childhood, it is a valuable factor in their education. Many of the Christian qualities which good friends should show such as fairness, truthfulness, team work, thoughtfulness and consideration of others, obedience, good sportsmanship may be developed through play. During the play period the Leader has an opportunity to see her children as they really are, for children are themselves while at play.

Games* of children in other lands may be played to help our children understand and appreciate their world friends. The use of dramatic play is also suggested when children can act the scenes or stories they have had in the study period. This should be done very simply, the Band members being the players and audience.

Occasionally a good pageant or play may be presented when parents and friends are invited. Through it the children as well as the audience may be inspired and informed. In choosing materials choose: (1)

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* See Study Book, "Flowers in Far Fields".

Materials which will seek to give a true interpretation of life in other lands; (2) materials which will increase respect for other peoples and which will help to develop feelings of love and appreciation for them; (3) materials which do not point specially to queer and strange things about others, but which stress likenesses amongst the children of different races. Also be sure that the pageant or missionary play has a good message to convey. Render it artistically. Be sure the players understand the play before any attempt is made to prepare it. Discourage the ''showing-off'' attitude. Let the rehearsals be friendly and happy times, not tiring or burdensome in any way. It should be remembered, of course, that the object of dramatization is not to teach dramatics but to build up knowledge and appreciation through dramatic expression.

In the Fellowship Period the children may also engage in other activities. For instance, they may arrange an art gallery of pictures which they have discovered of a certain land. They may prepare exhibits. They may gather round a table to listen to the reading of a fascinating book. They may have an informal sing-song. They may make and keep up-to-date a bulletin board, or make the room neat and tidy or make decorations for it. During such activities the Leader may help individual children to become more friendly.

Occasionally a party, picnic or hike should be arranged for the purpose of promoting good fellowship with the group or with other groups. Plans and preparations for these may be made and carried out by the members under the direction of the Leader. Committees for invitations, programme, refreshments, etc., should be formed as this is an excellent training for the members.

Let us remember in all our work that if we are to train our children to be world friends they must first learn to be friendly to the children they meet every day, and to speak in a friendly way about children of other countries. —*B. K. Riddell.*

The above outline is based on the sixth lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the seventh lecture is ''The Group at Study''.

NEIGHBORS

''I have good neighbors on my left,
Good neighbors on my right,
All up and down our country road,
Good neighbors always are in sight.

Just yesterday I wondered why
Such luck should come my way—
And one of my good neighbors smiled—
'We get just what we give, they say'.''—*Selected.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST., S. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE Alberta Provincial, which met in Grace Church, Calgary, April 3rd and 4th, was preceded by a meeting of the Board which opened with a thirty minute prayer service, led by Mrs. C. E. Jamieson. Delegates to the number of 56 registered at the afternoon session when most encouraging and optimistic reports were given. The Literature Secretary reported sales amounting to $219.57, also 416 calendars. She advised that a stock of literature be kept on hand as women will not buy unless they see. She stressed the books on leaders' courses, for the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow and, unless they get their training now it may be lost. The Home Helper Secretary announced an increase of 20 members in Calgary and 15 in Red Deer Presbyterials, with an increase of 15 for the Province, 17 more subscribe to the *Glad Tidings*, while 16 have become Auxiliary members, and interested in W.M.S. work. The Treasurer reported the allocation raised, all but a few dollars. Mrs. Adam gave the dedicatory prayer.

Miss Matthews, deaconess in the Red Deer field, feels thanks are due those who stand behind the workers. She spoke of the vision of the glorious work, the happiness in the service to God and urged that more time be spent in meditation and prayer.

Life Memberships increased 18, Junior 14, while blue and silver seals had a small decrease. 2,809 pounds of books, etc., were sent out by the Library Secretary, an increase of 674 pounds, total cost $39.36. Eight libraries of 800 books as well as hymn books, Bibles, etc., were sent to Dr. Savage. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary had written 109 letters and 15 newcomers have joined the Church. Much clothing has been supplied and relief work done. The Exchange Secretary feels much help has been given smaller Auxiliaries by this Department. She has received papers from British Columbia and Saskatchewan and asks for helpful messages.

The contributions from the Mission Bands are not as large as in previous years, but the value of lessons learned by the setting aside of a portion for the Master, and the training of these little ones in self-denial cannot be estimated. We have 6 new Bands, due to the untiring efforts of Miss Matthews and Miss Grigor. There are now 36 Bands, membership 813, increase of 6; 5 new Life Members, increase of 5; 19 new Junior members. New supplies were valued at $93.18, and $357.36 was sent to the Provincial Treasurer. The Secretary feels that the devoted service given by the leaders, the interest of the mothers, and the willingness of the children to do their part is cause for gratitude to God. The Student Secretary has 137 names on her list, the majority of these being university students. She held a general meeting once a month and group meeting once a week.

The Supply Secretary reports all four Presbyterials having more than filled all allocations. Supplies to the value of $793.83 were sent out. In answer to a call from Dr. Savage who visited Edmonton in the summer, and with the sanction of Mrs. Fletcher, $10.00 was sent to Dr. Savage to buy knitting wool to be given to mothers who are asking for it. A generous supply of used clothing and quilts were sent to the Hungarian missionary in Leduc. The Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. and Mission Bands all gave generous donations of layettes, quilts, Christmas treats for the Deaconess Department as well as the mission fields. Mrs. Carmichael reports a considerable increase in the use of lantern slides, especially in the north.

Tuesday evening the programme was provided by the young women of the city churches, assisted by Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups. Miss Isabel Gibson, newly appointed matron at Vegreville Residence, told of her work there. Rev. Hugh Jack, Red Deer, was the evening speaker and dealt with the necessity of putting the Christian life first. There must be progress in the life of the individual before there can be progress in organizations, the words of Christ, ''Without me ye can do nothing'' being the theme of his talk.

Mrs. William Carson gave a splendid address on the subject of Peace, at the Wednesday afternoon meeting.

Mrs. Allott presided at all meetings and, in her address, spoke of the debt of personal allegiance and loyalty each member owed to her Church and to missionaries at home and abroad. She urged that members seek out the weaknesses of their organizations, correct them and having put their hands to the plow not to turn back. Rev. John McNeil installed the officers for the year, advising that the smallest office bearer is as important as the highest, all being necessary in the making of a perfect whole.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

ECHOES from the annual meeting of the Provincial Society, held in Victoria, March 14th and 15th, tell us that the meeting was profitable and interesting to all present. The addresses were full of encouragement and inspiration. This encouragement and inspiration will be passed on as reports are given by delegates to meetings of the various Presbyterial Societies in the Province.

Kootenay P.S.—A meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Trail, was held at the home of Mrs. R. D. McDonald. Mrs. Condy, President, led the devotions. Mrs. Taylor, Creston, delegate to the Provincial meeting, presented a full and interesting report of that meeting and brought words of encouragement from the addresses of the various speakers. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Taylor.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S.—The regular meeting of the Armstrong W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. McKechnie. Members of the Auxiliary and Home Helpers were present. After a discussion of supply work and a short missionary programme a social hour was enjoyed.

Westminster P.S.—At a meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Prince Rupert, the members listened with interest to an address by Rev. W. H. Pierce, author of "From Potlatch to Pulpit". Mr. Pierce has spent many years working with great power and influence among the Indians along the coast of British Columbia. He told of his experiences among them in a most interesting manner.

The W.M.S. of the First Church, Prince Rupert, has a membership of 16. The new officers for the year were installed by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Grant Hollingworth, in an impressive service. Mrs. D. C. Stewart is the new President.

The Mission Band, after being disbanded for a few months, owing to the illness of the Superintendent, has been re-organized with a membership of 10. The members of the Band are busy making scrapbooks to be given to the children's ward in the hospital.

The Young Women's Missionary Society, organized a year ago, with a membership of 8, under the leadership of Mrs. Ham, recently entertained the Senior Society. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

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MRS. GEO. A. T. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., Brandon, held its Easter Thank-offering meeting April 11th. Rev. J. W. Allen presided. Dr. John McLaurin, guest speaker, gave an interesting address on the work among the women and children of India. Musical numbers were given by the junior choir.

First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Brandon, held their Easter Thank-offering April 11th. The President, Mrs. J. F. Leslie, presided. Rev. J. F. Wedderburn conducted the devotions. Dr. John McLaurin gave an interesting talk on the work of the missionaries in India and the great revivals that are taking place at the present time. The resignation of Mrs. James Howe, Mission Band leader, was received with regret. The Mission Band held their Thank-offering meeting April 23rd, when Mrs. Jas. Howe, their leader, who is leaving to reside in Morden, was presented with an illuminated address and an autograph book with the names of the members of the Band. The presentation was made by Jean Duncan.

Winnipeg P.S.—Calvin Church Mission Band, at their Easter Thank-offering, gave some missionary playlettes under the leadership of Mrs. W. S. Smith and Miss I. McLeod. The speaker was Mrs. J. S. Flook. A fine programme was enjoyed and $12.00 realized. Rev. D. Johnstone presided.

Calvin Church W.M.S. held an Easter Thank-offering tea. There was a fine programme prepared by Mrs. Geo. Leckie. The Mission Band members put on a missionary playlette. Three small girls from First Church sang, a violin and piano duet, a piano solo and a vocal solo, by other members, were delightfully rendered and enjoyed. The chief speakers were Mrs. J. W. Martin and Mrs. John Dick. A few words were given by Mrs. Flook and Mrs. Scott. $12.65 was realized.

Mrs. W. S. Smith gave a tea to her Mission Band of 30 children in April. They presented her with a bouquet.

The Provincial Board met in First Church, Winnipeg, April 25th. Thirteen members were present. Mrs. J. Stanley Flook presided. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison led in prayer. The work for the coming year was discussed. Everybody seemed full of enthusiasm for the future, and all received much inspiration. Mrs. W. McKay closed the meeting with prayer.

St. John's W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. John Dick. Mrs. William Bell was the speaker. The word of response to the roll call was ''trusting''.

The Easter meeting of Knox Church W.M.S., Selkirk, consisted of a programme arranged by the senior girls of the Mission Band, Scripture lesson, Scripture story, reading, vocal and instrumental solos and chorus. Reports were read by four of the ladies. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. L. Garvin.

Kildonan Church W.M.S. held their Easter Thank-offering at the home of the President, Mrs. R. B. Anderson. There was a good attendance. Mrs. A. M. L. Long gave a splendid address on the W.M.S. of the Eastern Division. The answer to the roll call was, women of the Bible.

ONTARIO

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Annual Meeting

THE twentieth annual meeting of Ontario Provincial Society, held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, has come and gone. Again we ascended unto the heights and gazed out over a land waiting to be possessed. The workers are ready, but alas! the equipment is lacking.

What a spiritual feast was ours in the apt Scripture lessons and prayers and in the eloquent and inspirational address given by Rev. J. G.

Inkster, D.D., Toronto! Other ministers taking part were Rev. Peter A. Dunn, B.D., minister of St. Paul's Church, Rev. H. Beverly Ketchen, D.D., McNab St. Church, Rev. Wm. Barclay, M.A., B.D., Central Church, Rev. A. L. Budge, M.A., who brought greetings from Synod, Rev. W. F. McConnell, B.A., Paris, and Rev. G. P. Duncan, D.D., Stratford.

Mrs. W. I. McLean, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, welcomed the delegates in a clever speech, bringing as her slogan ''We Advance'', while Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, in her compelling and stimulating talk on finances, suggested, ''Just give till the Master stops giving to you'', which is the last line of that thought-provoking little poem ''How long shall I give?''

What of our President's address, with its earnest appeal and admonition, shall we sail over the sea of 1934 with a light cargo, or will our ship be loaded to the gunwale, carrying treasure of prayer, service, silver and gold for the work of the Master?

Our young people's night, with Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, in charge, was one to be remembered, depicting their aim, a life of consecration and service, in pageant and song. There was the vision of need and opportunity so vividly portrayed by our missionaries on furlough, Miss Alma Burdick, Formosa, and Miss Jean C. McLean, Japan.

Greetings were brought from the Council by Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, who also installed and dedicated the officers for 1934.

We were touched with the sadness of parting as Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton, on behalf of the Board of Management, presented words of loving appreciation accompanied with a sheaf of spring blossoms to our retiring President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, who in her reply bespoke for her successor the same co-operation given to her, then welcomed our new President, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto. On taking the chair, Mrs. Hilts expressed her thanks for the honor conferred on her and urged the members to be faithful in all things during the coming year.

Keen regret was felt at the retirement, after many years' service, of Mrs. G. J. Vanstone, Mission Band Secretary, and Mrs. Wm. Ekins, Girls' Organizations Secretary. Mrs. J. A. Locheed, who retires from active work, will remain in office as Honorary Vice-President.

After three days of continuous sessions, members were glad to relax and enjoy the delightful tea given by the women's organizations of the various Churches in honor of officers, delegates and visitors to one of the finest Provincial meetings in the history of the Society. We would not forget the charming welcome given to the Board of Management, at the supper hour on Monday night, when the Mission Band of St. Paul's Church sang to us, ''Welcome to our Church again'', and the fine musical selections rendered by the several choirs and soloists during our sessions, Master Fred Moynan, grandson of our esteemed missionaries, Dr. Jonathan and Mrs.

Goforth, of Manchuria, acted as page and was presented with a book in memory of the occasion.

Registration was — officers 26, delegates 357, visitors 127, total 510.

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The W.M.S. of Knox Church, St. Thomas, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. The platform was furnished as an old fashioned sitting room, spinning wheels and all. Rev. J. M. Laird welcomed the guests. Mrs. J. T. Patton, Sarnia, Honorary President, presided. Mrs. David Laws, who attended the first meeting, fifty years ago, was on the platform and is the only charter member still an active one. Greetings from Miss Jessie Ferguson, Victoria, B.C., Mrs. N. H. McGillivray, Toronto, Mrs. J. M. Dickson, London, were read. Among many items on the programme was a group song by the Mission Band, playlette ''Packing the Missionary Barrel'' by the Girls' Club, a Korean song by Miss Pyugh Yong Rhue, of Alma College, and numbers in old time costume. Ten ladies gave the history of the Auxiliary in periods of five years, each lighting five candles on the large birthday cake which was centered with a burning bush, set ablaze after the lighting of the fifty golden candles, when the audience rose and sang ''All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name''. The cake was donated, baked and decorated by Mrs. T. Cornish, Mrs. C. Askew and Mrs. J. Urie. Mrs. Geo. Gillies is President.

Penetanguishene celebrated their fortieth anniversary, when they held a ''Chinese evening'' with special music, an address on China by their minister, Rev. M. W. Heslip, Miss L. H. McGuire speaking on Chinese work in Canada. Chinese refreshments were served by the Sunshine Girls' Club, dressed in Chinese costume. Curios and an embroidered motto of John 3-16, done by the local laundryman was on display. The ''Rosalind Goforth'' Mission Band held an Easter Thank-offering, giving choruses, recitations and slides of the Easter story. Mrs. Johnstone, Midland, spoke on ''Children in China Today''. David and Cecilia Heslip were presented respectively with Junior Membership and Life Membership, gifts of their parents, Rev. M. W. and Mrs. Heslip. A Mission Band has been organized at Wyebridge, Miss McRae and Mrs. Geo. Rankin as leaders. A meeting at Mrs. Rankin's house was addressed on ''St. Patrick'' by Mrs. Heslip.

Two Mission Bands in Huron Presbyterial held Easter Thank-offerings this year. Exeter Band gave a programme of dialogues, drills, recitations, choruses, and sale of articles, making $12.00 in all. They made three Junior Memberships. At Hensall the Easter season was observed by the W.M.S. Thank-offering meeting and a missionary evening when the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band and the ''Arnold Circle'' combined their meetings. Mrs. S. Moore Gordon, Exeter, gave a graphic account of her experiences as a missionary in China. The offering was a generous one. Mrs. Gordon addressed the W.M.S. of Exeter at their Easter meeting also.

Please note change in the Provincial Press Secretary's address.

QUEBEC

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The Late Mrs. J. C. Sharp

THE following Resolution was adopted by the Quebec Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society, at the meeting on April 17th:

''And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them'.''

Do not these words of Sacred Writ completely epitomize any memorial we may attempt to compile of our dear friend who has so recently been called Home?

Exactly thirteen months ago this Board rose to pay tribute to their beloved President on her retirement from office.

Today we rise to honor her memory. How quickly she has been called to her reward, how soon heard the Master's commendation, ''Well done, good and faithful servant.'' How her wish in the following lines has been granted.

''Lord, when Thou seest that my work is done
Let me not linger on with failing powers
Adown the weary hours,
A workless worker in a world of work
But with a word just bid me home
And I will come, right gladly,
Yea! right gladly will I come.''

Ever since she came to reside in Montreal, forty years ago, Mrs. Sharp has been an outstanding figure in W.M.S. work; first as President of St. Matthew's Auxiliary, then as President of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, and latterly as President of the Quebec Provincial Board.

Possessed of executive ability of a high order; her clear intellect and complete grasp of all the departments of the work down to its minutest detail; she, with her firm hand at the helm guided these various branches of the Women's Missionary Society successfully through many vicissitudes.

Throughout a long period of service she brought to the work an unparalleled devotion to its interests.

Her gifts and graces, her strength of character, her energy and earnestness of purpose, all combined to fit her as a leading spirit in the re-organizing and consolidating of our Church and Women's Missionary Society, consequent to the Disruption of 1925.

Her kindly consideration of her co-workers and her deep interest in the concerns of each, won for her their highest esteem and affection as well as their loyal support.

Well may we mourn *our* loss, but we can express no regret for *her* sake. ''For her to live was Christ to die gain.'' ''Absent from the body'', she is ''at home with the Lord, which is far better.''

To all those bereaved we extend our heartfelt sympathy and this message, which we feel sure she would send each one of us, if such were possible:

''When I shall die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others sore undone, who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake turn again to life and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do
Something to comfort weaker hearts than thine.
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you.''

Mission Band Rally

OVER 345 children, ranging from tiny boys and girls to their elder brothers and sisters, attended the rally of Presbyterian Mission Bands under the auspices of the Montreal Presbyterial in Stanley Church Hall, Montreal, April 2nd.

The banner for city Bands was awarded to the Kydd Memorial Band for the first six months and to the St. Lambert Band for the second six months, and the banner for out-of-town Bands to the Riverfield and Ormstown Bands. Four Bands received honorable mention, First, Kensington, Lachine and Ephraim Scott Churches.

Mrs. A. W. Pae, Presbyterial President, introduced Miss Lillian Morton, assistant Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, who took charge of the programme, which was given entirely by the children. After the devotional exercises conducted by members of Outremont Band, Mrs. W. D. Reid, wife of the pastor of Stanley Church, welcomed the children. Short plays, choruses, recitations and a pageant were given, by members of the Mission Bands of the First, Lachine and Stanley Churches, the Chinese kindergarten, MacVicar Memorial, Melville, Beauharnois, Montreal West, Kydd Memorial, Outremont, Kensington, Maisonneuve, Verdun, St. Lambert and Ephraim Scott Churches. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Master William Mulligan.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE twentieth annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Provincial W.M.S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, April 4th and 5th. Mrs. H. R. Horne presided in her usual capable and gracious manner.

In her opening address Mrs. Horne outlined the growth of our Society from 1925 (when we organized with only 21 branches) up to the present. There are now 78 different branches, with a total membership of 1,346. Before the disruption took place, in 1925, there were 437 branches with a membership of 8,772. She made special mention of three Saskatchewan workers now in foreign fields—Miss Lily Simpson, Miss Hildur K. Hermanson, Miss G. Mary Sherrick, and paid tribute to the constructive work accomplished by our two Field Secretaries, Miss Laura Pelton and Miss P. B. Lamont, also of our three deaconesses at large, Miss Lily Macarthur, Miss Hazel Macdonald, and Miss Helen Ross, and to the splendid spirit shown by our membership at all times.

During Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning sessions the reports of the different Departmental Secretaries were received. Wednesday evening a public session was held when Rev. W. Pellow, of Parkview Church, presided. After Rev. D. K. Perrie, North Battleford, had brought greetings from the Synod, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Corresponding Secretary, gave a summary of the work accomplished during the year. Rev. W. G. Brown, St. Andrew's Church, then gave a stirring address in which he urged the importance of extending our work at this time when so many avenues are open to us. Mr. Brown reminded us that it is our task and that of our Church to get the Christian ideals into the consciences of people so that they may apply them in solving world problems. The three devotional periods were in charge of Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Regina Presbyterials.

Those in attendance were interested to learn of an Honorary Membership, secured for Mrs. Moxley, of Morris, Michigan, formerly of Prince Albert, Sask., and were impressed by her continued interest in the work even though she is so far away.

Many tributes were paid to the helpful messages brought by Miss Alma Burdick, who visited a number of our organizations in October.

After the election of officers, Mrs. M. Grant, Saskatoon, conducted an impressive installation service.

The President paid tribute to the splendid work of the retiring officers—Mrs. W. R. Gray, Mrs. W. A. Cameron, Mrs. C. Strachan and Mrs. A. Munro, Home Helpers', Literature, Girls' and Young Women's Secretaries and Treasurer, respectively. Mrs. Horne, on behalf of the Board, presented Mrs. Munro with a Life Membership pin. The sessions were concluded by a fitting message from Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina.

An enjoyable event in connection with these meetings was a luncheon in honor of the visiting delegates, by the members of St. Andrew's and Parkview Auxiliaries, and a tea at the close of the session by the members of the two local Auxiliaries.

Saskatoon P.S.—Mrs. A. Munro and Mrs. J. B. Young were the speakers at the meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. They took as their subject ''Life and work of Dr. James Robertson''.

Miss Lillian Wilson, Travellers' Aid Secretary, was the special speaker at the Parkview W.M.S. Miss Wilson gave an interesting talk on the work being done by the Y.W.C.A. both in the meeting of the trains, and in helping unemployed girls in the city. At the Easter Thank-offering of Parkview W.M.S., Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President, the special speaker, told of the relief work done by the Commission working from Regina to all parts of the province. She brought the need of workers in all communities clearly before those present, leaving with each these words—Just what is my share?

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April 30th, 1934

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Editorial

Great Moments at the General Assembly

KNOX Church, Toronto, that beautiful and stately edifice, was the setting for the 60th meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Who can forget the impressive scene that summer night of June 6th! An audience that filled the Church to capacity; on the pulpit platform two ex-Moderators, Dr. A. J. McGillivray, of Guelph, and Dr. Robert Johnston, of Ottawa; Dr. John Inkster, minister of the Church and Dr. Wardlaw Taylor and Dr. J. W. McNamara, the two clerks of Assembly, and that indefinable sense of restrained emotion that swept the audience when the stately music of Psalm XXXII, taken from the Scottish Psalter, 1650, pealed forth and the great congregation, gathered from all parts of the Dominion, joined in singing what proved to be prophetic words:

> ''O Blessed is the man whose sins
> The Lord hath covered o'er
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> . . . .
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> Thou art my hiding-place, Thou shalt
> From trouble keep me free;
> Thou with songs of deliverance
> About shall compass me.''

The Very Reverend, the ex-Moderator, Dr. Robert Johnston, read the sermon prepared by the Very Reverend Dr. H. R. Grant, retiring Moderator, who has been ill. It was a great message, appealing to the Church to do her part in meeting the new demands of the present age, to carry on in the spirit of the heroic generations in Canadian history. ''She must lead and compel others to follow in the new life and new relationships that are opening between man and man.''

The culmination of this session came with the election of the Moderator. Two names were placed before the Assembly for this honor, Rev. Norman A. McLeod, Ph.D., D.D., Brockville, Ont., and Rev. J. S. Shortt, M.A., D.D., Barrie, Ont. A standing vote decided the election of Dr. Shortt.

Dr. Shortt comes of a Canadian family noted for its intellectual attainments in Canadian life. He, too, brings to the Moderator's chair no mean talents of mind, and a rich record of service for his Church.

Dr. Shortt's first message found an echo in every heart as he declared:

> ''On the very threshold of my Moderatorship, I feel that one of the great things today for our Church is to cultivate assiduously the qualities of friendship, goodwill and brotherly love, especially with those who separated from us ten years ago.
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> ''So many today are bowed down with heavy burdens that no ounce of energy should be wasted in strife or harmful bickerings, instead we must devote ourselves to the great work of the Church and her missionary interests.
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> ''Let the word go out that we are ready to work side by side with other Churches in our separate fields of service, in harmonious co-operation, goodwill and forbearance.''

Home and Foreign Mission Nights

Home Mission night with its twin Foreign Mission night always draw their own particular crowd to the Assembly Church. This year was no exception. A ten minute limit was set to each speech. But what is ten minutes to a man or woman with heart aflame with the need of the field and a large and sympathetic audience as listeners! And how fine they all were! What pictures they drew, and how they pleaded for the combined interest and co-operation of the Assembly and the Church as a whole.

There was Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, Truro, N.S., facing problems with the optimism of youth, flinging forth his challenge. ''What has the Church a right to ask from the Church from coast to coast? She has a right to expect an interest in Home Missions. I believe if we go forward with God, God will supply all our need.'' Rev. James Wilson, Smeaton, Sask., a missionary for 43 years, made those ''who sit at ease'' ashamed. Rev. J. Allan Munro, Rosetown, Sask., drew pictures of faith and endurance that put iron into the soul; while Rev. E. A. Wright, of the Peace River District, stirred the imagination with his story of the work of devoted missionaries, mentioning specially Dr. Margaret Strang Savage, that heroic soul, every inch steel, that bends but never breaks, binding up hurt bodies and healing souls. The work among the Ukrainians, of whom there are 400,000 in Canada, was described by Rev. Michael Fesenko, and the message on ''The Place of the W.M.S. in the Life of the Church,'' by Miss P. B. Lamont, rounded out the story of a great night.

The tale of the work of combatting ignorance, poverty, superstition and disease and of bringing in their place the gospel of medical aid was unfolded by the missionaries who spoke at the Foreign Missions night. Rev. L. L. Young told of the work among the 500,000 poor Koreans in Japan whose average wage is between 20c. to 80c. a day. The story of the work among these people reads like a chapter from the Acts of the Apostles. An inspiring message on our overseas fields was given by Mrs. McMurrich, W.M.S. Secretary for India; and on India by Mr. Angus Mackay, of the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, and Rev. C. P. Young, of Mendha. Then Miss MacMurchy, President of the W.M.S., introduced our beloved pioneer medical missionary, Margaret O'Hara, for 46 years a missionary in India.

In the missionaries' addresses it was delightful to note that all paid tribute to those who had laid the foundation of the work—Dr. Wilkie and Dr. Buchanan. The tribute, by Miss MacLean, to her chief, Rev. L. L. Young, augurs well for that co-operation which is indispensable in successful mission work.

Royal Welcome to Dr. Grant

R. E. Knowles, special reporter for the *Toronto Daily Star,* writing of the reception accorded Dr. A. S. Grant, who, as Secretary, reported for the Board of Missions, said, and very truly, ''Dr. A. S. Grant received a royal welcome by the Assembly. As the Moderator's sermon said, he is one of that great team of home mission stalwarts who have been a glory to the Presbyterian Church in Canada—MacLaren of Vancouver, Robertson of the whole western empire, Herdman of Calgary, McQueen of Edmonton, Grant of the Yukon. Grant's heart must have been gladdened by the storm of applause that greeted him. It was interesting to note how his power waxed as he made his speech. Almost inaudible at first, his hearers must have been startled at this apparent change in the man who, if there ever was one among them, was considered a very dynamo of force and inspiring power, which as the minutes sped he proved himself again. The old stirring voice rang out once more; the highland fire lit the strong and serious face; the impalpable thing called magnetism reappeared as he presented his case and admitted the struggles of the hour, greeting them with bold defiance as far as the future of his beloved Church was concerned.''

With pride he declared: ''We have not closed a field, or cut a salary or recalled a missionary. We need more uniform contributions to maintain and extend our work. The Board of Missions is entitled to consideration. The Presbyterian Church is not bankrupt or going to vanish. It has the money and we must go after it where it is and not where it is not.''

Knox College

''The great hours of the Church are not the hours of strife and battle but the hours of reconciliation and peace,'' and this was proved in the Knox College situation. While apprehension and wistful anxiety permeated the Assembly, the hope of all was that the unity of the spirit should be preserved in the bond of peace, and that their beloved kirk should emerge all the greater from this new test of her strength and wisdom. The day of the debate will go down to history as one of the saddest and the night that followed as one of the darkest. Then the hand of the Lord intervened and Principal Eakin and Professor Morrow met in reconciliation and gave each his hand to the other in token of mutual recognition and forgiveness. It was a moment as moving as it was momentous for the future of the Church. None who witnessed the scene can ever forget it!

''There was a man sent from God—whose name was 'James Sinclair Shortt'. What this Moderator has been to the Assembly and to the whole future of the Church whose peace he has so helped to restore, can not be too highly appraised.'' —M.C.G.F.

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Space forbids other than brief reference to the religious service held in Massey Hall on Assembly Sunday afternoon. It was the Presbyterians' tribute to Toronto's 100th birthday. The audience filled the hall almost to capacity. The Moderator presided. Two outstanding addresses were delivered, ''One Hundred Years of Presbyterianism in Toronto,'' by Rev. James Wilson, D.D., Toronto, the other, ''Our Heritage as Presbyterians,'' by Rev. F. W. Loetscher, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D., of Princeton Theological Seminary. A choir of two hundred voices led the singing.

Two Valued Secretaries Resign

THE Council Executive reports with deepest regret the resignation from their Secretaryships and the Board of two of its most loyal and valued members, Mrs. R. C. Donald, Finance Secretary and Miss Muriel J. Gray, Secretary of Girls' Organizations.

In 1925, Mrs. Donald was chosen Treasurer of the W.M.S. and since that time she has held the exacting positions of Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Trustee. Mrs. Donald brought to her office those gifts essential to such a post—a clear mind and good judgment. Her presentations, whether written or spoken, were always clear and gracious, easily understood and most acceptable. She was firm but fair, and appreciative of the smallest gift sent into the Treasury, and for the women of our Society she had a great admiration. Under her wise guidance the financial foundation of the W.M.S. was well and truly laid.

In 1925, Miss Gray was appointed to the responsible position of Secretary of Girls' Organizations, a post she was eminently fitted to fill, being herself a university graduate and one of the younger members of the Council Executive. During the nine years of her oversight she had the satisfaction of seeing the 95 groups grow to 302 and the membership increase from 1,103 to 4,352, and of representing the Presbyterian W.M.S. on the National Girls' Work Board. Possessing not only a trained mind but also a gifted pen Miss Gray, in addition to the duties of her office, rendered a great service to our Society in the preparation of ''The Royal Road''—a timely and invaluable book on the origin and history of our W.M.S., also a study book for girls, ''Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands''; a Thank-offering leaflet, plays and programmes besides writing stories and helpful material each month for the Girls' and Leaders' page in *Glad Tidings.* In this work Miss Gray shrank from praise or credit. To her this service was a privilege not a task. During her term of office Miss Gray's aim was to help the daughters of our Church to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Both Mrs. Donald and Miss Gray had much to give their Church and W.M.S. and they gave their best and in appreciation of what they were and did our W.M.S. will ever hold their names in grateful remembrance.

Death of Two Devoted Workers

ST. PAUL'S Church, Hamilton, has recently lost two members outstanding in the Church and community life of the city. Mrs. James Watson, who, on May 28th, slipped away at the great age of ninety-five, was a charter member of the first Presbyterian Missionary Society in Hamilton, and had the happiness of seeing three strong W.M.S. Auxiliaries grow up in St. Paul's Church and the honor of being the President of one. Like her sister, Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, for years a member of the former W.F.M.S. Board, she was a devout Church woman, her life was filled with good works, and faith and prayer were the inspiration of all her activities.

Mrs. D. G. MacGregor, to whom the call came on May 18th, was one of the oldest members of her Church, her father, Mr. William Bellhouse, being one of a group who planned and carried into effect the erection of the present beautiful edifice. Next to Mrs. MacGregor's devotion to her Church was her life-long work for the W.M.S. She was Corresponding Secretary of Hamilton Presbyterial for seventeen years, President of St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary for six, and ten happy years were spent as President of the ''Kate MacGregor'' Junior Auxiliary in which she was an inspirational leader and a wise and kindly counsellor. Beloved in life for these qualities of mind and heart which make people truly great Mrs. MacGregor was honored in death, the services for both members being held in their beloved Church.

Corrections

TWO inaccuracies appeared in our anniversary number, May issue, which we regret and now correct. Under Manitoba, page 176, it is stated that Mrs. McTavish, Chater, was the first President of Brandon Presbyterial—the first Presbyterial to be formed in the West. The first President was Mrs. Donald McEwen. This information we found on page 6 of the Monthly Letter Leaflet, September, 1886.

On page 168 of the same issue under the history of Quebec Provincial Society it is stated that the Auxiliary of English River, Que., enjoys the distinction of being the first Women's Missionary Society organized in Canada, formed August 31st, 1875. A kindly correspondent reminds us that the first ''Women's Missionary Society was founded in Malpeque, Prince Edward Island, in 1825, and a memorial tablet was placed in the old church there to that effect some years ago.'' The above statement would have been correct had the words ''Western Division'' not been inadvertently omitted.

New Council Executive Officers

THE list of officers for 1934-35 appears on the inside front cover of this issue. There are several changes. Mrs. W. A. McLennan becomes first Vice-President; Miss E. Forsyth, Recording Secretary; Mrs. R. J. Fady, Assistant Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Assistant Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Secretary. The office of Finance Secretary and Treasurer have been combined and in future all the work will be conducted by the Treasurer, Mrs. Daniel Strachan, and the Finance Committee. The Girls' Organizations Secretaryship, rendered vacant by Miss Gray's resignation, has not yet been filled.

Appointment of Young Women's Travelling Secretary

REALIZING that there is a tremendous field for assisting young women to give reality to the inspiration and desire for service, resulting from the discussional period following Miss Pelton's Leadership Course, provision has been made for this follow-up work by the appointment of Miss S. V. Scott, as Young Women's Travelling Secretary. Miss Scott was for some years Superintendent of the Presbyterian Residence, Saskatoon, and for the past year has been engaged as missionary worker in Calgary.

Missionaries Come and Go

FURLOUGHS like all happy holidays come to an end, and it is with very sincere regret we shall wave farewell to Miss Alma Burdick, Principal of the Women's School, Tamsui, who sails for Formosa on the *Empress of Russia* from Vancouver, on August 11th.

Welcome is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Young, missionaries of our Church, in Mendha, Central India, who arrived in Vancouver in May and are enjoying their furlough, as much, we hope, as their friends are the delightful messages which they bring of their work.

Sympathy to a Sister Society

WE would extend to our sisters of the Anglican W.A. our sincere sympathy in the death of Miss Constance Lang, a notable Church woman. It was due to her influence that the excellent and helpful article on ''The Spiritual Basis of Girl Guiding'' appeared in the February issue of the *Glad Tidings.*

Rev. Frank Kovacks, of Hamilton, has been appointed to take charge of the Hungarian work in Bekevar, Sask., for six months. His wife and family will accompany him and the W.M.S. will continue its grant to Mrs. Kovacks who will engage in work among the women and children similar to that she carried on so effectively in Hamilton.

Mrs. J. R. Hill, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, represented our Council Executive at the Annual Meeting of the League of Nations Society in Ottawa, May 25th.

The Council Executive will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 11th, at the Board Room of Knox College, Toronto.

Happy Mount Leprosy Colony Church Dedication Service

DR. AND MRS. GUSHUE-TAYLOR

THE Colony had been officially opened in March, but it was felt desirable and fitting that, in addition, there be held on an early occasion, a Service of Dedication of the Church.

We waited until there were present a few leper patients, both for their own sakes and for the visitors, so that all could know from first hand experience what was being attempted.

May 12th was a beautiful day, neither too hot nor cold, neither over sunny nor too overclouded. We had sent out invitations to Christians near Taihoku, as we did not wish to inconvenience people too far away. We thought perhaps 40 or 50 might turn up; we had an audience of over 120 including nine leper patients of whom three were women.

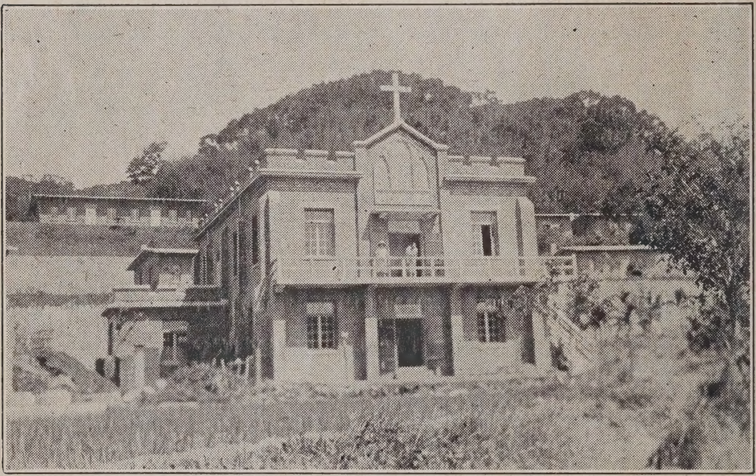
Representatives from the school at Tamsui came, and under Miss Taylor rendered a very pleasing anthem, and added much to the beauty, charm and impressiveness of the Service by their singing.

The Service began by Miss Chisholm, on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), making a speech on the steps of the Church, and presenting the Superintendent of the Colony with the key of the Church. We then walked up to the front door, the key was given to

Pastor Iap, who represented the Moderator of Presbytery. He unlocked the door and led the way for the congregation of visitors to enter the building.

There were present many pastors from both North and South Formosa, several of whom took part in the service. A short account was given of the gift by the W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Home Church, and all could see the mural tablet in stone and gilt commemorating the splendid gift.

Letters were read from Dr. A. S. Grant, Secretary of the Board of Missions, and Miss MacMurchy, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.). Short messages of greeting and congratulation were given by several visitors, including one from the Anglican Japanese Pastor of Taihoku.



The Church, Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa. "Erected to the glory of God and to commemorate the gift by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

There was a general unanimity on the strength and beauty of the building so well fitted for its task. A glance at the photograph shows how it dominates the whole colony and is its centre. The Cross tells to all inmates and visitors as to its origin and object.

The meeting over, tea was served, and visitors had leisure to go around and see the cottages and grounds and talk with the patients. Then away again to their several homes by motor bus and car.

This was our last function for some time. Now we are properly open for the long and uphill task of undertaking the real work for which years of preparation have been spent. In this work we are very dependent upon you all for support in material and Spiritual things. Please remember us at the Throne of Grace, our need is great. We thank you all most warmly for all past sympathy and help, and as we meet here we remember you in your Christian endeavors in the home land, you and us working together for Christ and His Kingdom.

Books for Africa

MISS MARGARET WRONG

AN old grannie warms her wrinkled body by the evening fire for the African night has fallen. Children have gathered round her to hear a story, and this is the tale she tells:

''God asked the elephant what he wanted,'' says grannie, ''And the elephant replied, 'I want the forest' so God made the great forests. God asked the chimpanzee what he wanted. The chimpanzee replied, 'I want the thick bush' so God made the bush. God asked the fish what he wanted. The fish replied, 'I want the water' so God made the great rivers which flow through the land. God asked the black man what he wanted. The black man answered 'I want food' so God made food of all kinds. God asked the white man what he wanted. The white man answered, 'I want book' so God made book and thus the world was created.''

To-day it is the African who asks that books should be created. The book most widely known and revered is the Bible, which has been translated in whole or in part into 239 African languages. In 1933, 12 new translations appeared. So closely is Christianity identified with the printed word that in some vernaculars Christians are called ''the people of the Book''. The desire to read the Bible takes old people to school, and they learn to read side by side with little children. After the demand for the Bible comes the demand for hymn books, and for helps on the study of the Bible. A few who can read the language of government, *i.e.*, English, French, or Portuguese, have access to books in these languages, but the great masses of the people pick up a smattering of reading in the village school, and can only read what is written in African languages, of which there are many.

Missionaries and Africans have worked together all over Africa to produce literature which is needed. In some few languages a considerable number of books have been published, but in many the whole literature can be tied up in a pocket handkerchief. Missions have been pioneers in founding schools. Year by year more people are learning to read, and as they learn they ask for books on an increasing number of subjects. African Christian leaders are beginning to realize that even the village women may learn how to care for huts and gardens and babies through the reading of books. African women also are beginning to ask for them.

In writing about the magazine *Listen*, which goes to villages and schools all over Africa, an African headmaster wrote: ''My wife, who has a five month old child was very pleased to read the article 'The care of Babies'.''

As yet, few Africans read for pleasure only, but in the towns on the coast, in large places in the interior and in mining compounds the taste for reading grows. The huts of teachers and pastors usually have a small bookshelf filled with well-thumbed volumes as part of their furniture. As the taste for reading grows the people read anything they can get, good, bad, or indifferent. If good literature is available they will read it, if there is only bad literature they will read that. The problem is how to provide the good, both in languages of government and in African languages. Already undesirable literature is circulating in large towns, in spite of the efforts of mission bookshops, until recently the only centres of distribution, to provide what is good.

African authors are appearing. In South Africa there are several who have written novels of no mean merit. Interest in writing the history and tradition of tribes is growing. During my recent tour in Africa I met a considerable number of men who had manuscripts which they wished to get published. Ways and means of publishing are a problem, as the editions which will be disposed of for a long time to come will be small. Yet the books are greatly needed. A fund from which subsidies for publishing could be granted would be a boon.

Pictures are also needed, both for houses and schools. One of the most moving appeals for pictures I heard was in the Belgian Congo. On the walls of a school for women which I visited hung pictures of African mothers and babies, which were being used for the teaching of hygiene. When the class was over a young woman stepped forward and said to the missionary, ''Mother, we are mere women and forget easily, but we want to teach other women in our villages how to keep our enemies, the germs, from our babies. Give us pictures like these for all the villages then we shall not forget what we have learned here, and we shall teach the other women with true words.'' Those villages are still without their pictures, for the mission cannot afford to supply them for numerous villages, and the price of one set is a man's monthly wage in this time of financial depression.

A grant from the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, has made possible the providing of some general matter in periodical form, in the shape of the little magazine, *Listen,* which circulates in East, West and South Africa, and material from which is translated into a number of languages. This magazine is specially intended for villagers and for schools. We are beginning to receive requests that it should be enlarged. One African writes: ''The pages of the papers are very few for two months, because I usually finish reading the paper in a week's time so to speak. I will greatly be over enjoyed if the pages of *Listen* can be increased.''

We are dependent on a grant from the Inter-Board Committee of Women's Missionary Societies in Canada for the printing of the quarterly Bulletin, *Books for Africa,* which gives missionaries and others interested information on publications specially intended for Africa. Hitherto it has been very difficult for missionaries in any one part of Africa to know what has been done on literature in other parts. The Bulletin provides lists of books and also gives an opportunity to missionaries for the exchange of information on questions relating to literature and education. Over 2,000 copies are now sent out all over Africa.

I have said that editions which can be disposed of are small, but the size of the edition does not indicate the number of people who benefit by the book, for those who can read very often read aloud to those who are illiterate. Means of transport in Africa are developing with almost incredible speed. Roads are being opened everywhere. Up and down the main roads there goes a constant stream of travellers on foot or in lorries. When evening comes they camp for the night. Fires are lighted and round these fires the people gather for their evening meal, talk and song. Here ones who can read will often take a book and read to the others. In this way news and teaching spread. Recently a missionary told me how she had made a point of reading the Gospel aloud to groups of African traders who travelled far and wide up and down the trade routes. They were Moslems. She spoke their language haltingly, but week by week she read to a group who gathered in a smithy. She often wondered if the effort was worth while. One day as she closed the book a new man joined them. ''Read on,'' said one of the listeners, ''that this newcomer may hear, for he does not yet know as we do who have heard you week by week, how the words of Jesus speak to the heart and make it new.''

My recent tour across Africa from west to east and back again has convinced me that the need of literature is both great and urgent. White men have taught the African to read, white men have set up schools. The African is an apt pupil. Every year the number of those who can read increases, and with this increase comes the demand for books, of all kinds. Missionaries have been pioneers in transcribing languages, and in the translating of the Bible. They now have an opportunity of co-operating together to see that books needed by African Christian leaders are available, that good school books are written, and that good general literature is distributed. To find ways and means of supplying a whole continent with good literature is a task worth doing.

''O Thou Great Chief, light a candle within our hearts that we may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from Thy dwelling place.''—*The prayer of an African school girl in northern Rhodesia.*

Our Overseas Missions

FORMOSA

EVANGELISM.—There are 9 full-time Bible women, and work has been carried on in 15 places, including the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital and visiting the homes of the kindergarten pupils. Of special interest is the work done among non-Christian women by the Bible woman who has been stationed at two churches on the East Coast. Of some of the newer workers, reports have come of their untiring efforts in teaching women and children of the Bible and the Christian faith. A Bible woman has been appointed to do much needed follow-up work in Taihoku, from the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital. Mrs. Koa did house to house visitation in many places and visited more than 20 Buddhist vegetarian retreats. The reception the worker met with was varied, but in many cases there were found hungry hearts which welcomed the Gospel message, and others became genuinely interested.

The 11th annual meeting of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church of North Formosa, was held in Keelung Church, November 27th. They support 3 Bible women—Chi-oang, who works among her own people; Mrs. Lo, occupying a preaching-hall and sometimes leading evening worship there as well as teaching and testifying in the homes; Moe-chi, working on the East Coast. A suitable woman to work among the Hakka people is still being sought. Two special features of the meeting are worth reporting. In the morning, four delegates from the ''Donald MacKenzie'' Mission Band, Tamsui, gave the first chapter of the Mission Band Catechism and portions from the first two chapters of the Book of Acts, which is their mission study book. In the afternoon, an address was given by the oldest member, a Christian for sixty years. She has never missed an annual meeting and is one of the earliest each year to hand in her subscription. The subject for study for 1933 was the life and work of Adoniram Judson and Ann Hasseltine, his wife, in Burma. Mrs. G. W. Mackay prepared the material. To most of the members, the story was new, and faith and prayer could not but be quickened by the study of the sacrifices and struggles of that gallant couple and their infant Church. The Society now has a pin, which is the shape of the Island of Formosa, with the letters L.S.T.H. (*i.e.*, W.M.S.) thereon.

Educational.—The educational report of the North Formosa Mission states that statistics show that, next to Germany, Japan is the most literate nation in the world—only about 1 per cent. of the Japanese are illiterate—but such is not the case in Formosa—with its population of 4,600,000, where, in country districts, tens of thousands of children have never been inside a school.

Girls' School, Tamsui.—The year was an eventful one in the history of the Girls' School, principally because of the marked increase in attendance. Fourteen girls were graduated. After the graduation exercises came the bazaar. The pupils and teachers had worked unceasingly and the results justified their efforts. They made 500 yen. With this money they bought a sewing machine and a new organ, and have enough to pay for the furniture for the new sewing classroom. The concert at night in the Girls' School gymnasium was entirely of music. The girls were responsible for it, but they were assisted by the students of the Middle School, Theological College, and some of the missionaries. The total number of pupils is 119, the largest on record. Interest in sports and games of all kinds is quite keen. In November, they had a Sports Day. Guests were invited and the students had races, drills and folk dancing. For this, the girls made new uniforms, white middies with black bloomers, which they use now for their physical training periods.

That is one side, but there is another which is more important. Every day they have a worship period morning and evening. On Wednesday evening, they have prayer meeting, and on Monday, after school, Christian Endeavor. The latter is entirely in the hands of the pupils, and becoming an active member is considered the same in the school as becoming a member of the Church. During the year, 7 became active members of the Christian Endeavor, 10 became members of the Church, and one who was graduated in March, joined the Church at the December Communion. So, the school year ends with thanksgiving.

Women's School, Tamsui has an enrolment of 23 pupils. The personnel of the school is varied, some are girls who have left their homes for the first time, and to whom life has been fairly easy so far; others have been out in the world and are, in a sense, fortifying themselves to go back again; some have found the world a difficult place, and are happy in being away from the things which have brought them sorrow and pain; some are newly-engaged girls who are preparing things they will need in their future life; others are married women, and not a few have had the sad fate to be a second or ''little wife'' in a home. In spite of the variety of character, in all their time of study and recreation, there has always been a spirit of harmony, of wanting to help, while the pupils who have been in the school longer, are much interested in the spiritual welfare of the newcomers and realize the value of being living witnesses of the Light in their hearts. During the year, 4 pupils united with the Church, their example is helping others to realize their need of a Saviour. In June, 4 pupils were graduated. Of these, 3 are doing full time work as Bible women, the fourth returned home. At the end of the year, another pupil, after five terms in the school, left to begin her training as a nurse in the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital.

Kindergarten.—There are 7 kindergartens in the Mission, with an average attendance of over 300. These formerly were financially dependent on the Mission, but have gradually become self-supporting, although still under the supervision of our Mission. A Bible woman by visiting the homes of these children is establishing a strong link of Christian helpfulness between teachers and parents.

''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital.—During the year eight nurses were graduated. At the end of 1933, there were 20 nurses in the Hospital. The nurses, in addition to their care of the sick, are always happy to take part in the evening worship periods held in the wards, and, when necessary, help to teach the patients how to read. Regular instruction is given the nurses by the foreign and native doctors, and the Superintendent of Nurses. A Bible study period is held once a week, and a group has been organized based on ''The King's Daughters'' organization, which meets once a month.

The medical report thus refers to Happy Mount Leprosy Colony: ''Built on a charming site of 46 acres, the Colony consists of 20 cottages, one hospital ward, and church building, with basement of treatment rooms, and one administrative building. The Church was provided by a generous gift from the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).''

The urgent needs of this field are: one doctor and two evangelistic workers.

INDIA

DR. ELIZABETH THURROTT writing of her evangelistic work in the villages near Baragoan, says that she and her helpers were cordially received, and listened to eagerly. A portable organ, and medical supplies are a necessary part of her outfit. It is felt that many believe in Christ, though it is hard for them to confess Him openly. Our missionaries thought it advisable to hold special services among the Christians for the deepening of spiritual life so for three weeks at Jhansi and the same at Isagarh all labored together at this work.

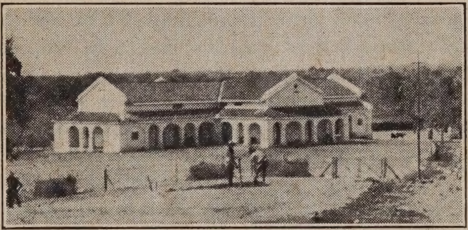
Miss Whatling on her return to India was welcomed in the homes of Baragoan. She is assisted by Sopie-bai, a trained nurse whose sunny disposition wins a ready response from the people. A Sunday School opened in Baragoan in October, now has 56 members.

There were 7,379 out-patients treated at Miss Simpson's dispensary. Nurse Miriam had full charge of the dispensary last year leaving Miss Simpson free for evangelistic work. Miss Simpson also held hygiene classes for women in the compound. She is very proud of the 13 children under Grace-bai's care in the Orphanage. Grace-bai is more than mother to her flock. She is a true Christian and has no interests apart from her work.

Miss Moodie reports a very evident uplift, both educationally and spiritually, among the pupils and teachers in the ''Helen Macdonald'' School. Taking small boys into the lower classes is a definite step towards co-education. Two senior girls are entering Teachers' Training School, Doris James is training as a nurse, and five girls are preparing for Government examinations.

Miss Moodie attended the All India Girl Guide Camp, thereby seeing one phase of work in which Christians, Mohammedans, Hindus, Jews and Parsees enjoyed freedom and fellowship. Miss Ash organized and directed a Bluebird group among non-Christians in a nearby native state. The result was the establishing of our own first Girl Guide Camp 14 miles from Jhansi where 15 senior girls enjoyed camp life. Miss Simpson acted as camp nurse.

Miss Stringer on her return noticed a new spirit and co-operation between matron, girls and teachers. The Christians also seem to feel a new urge to carry the light to those still in darkness. The senior girls, by their own desire, organized and are conducting a Sunday School for non-Christians in Mr. Lowther's compound, in Jhansi. The teachers are anxious for more Bible study so Mr. Lowther is conducting special classes for them. The attitude of these native Christians is an answer to the prayers that the India Christians would be missionaries to their own people.



Jobat Hospital

The Jhansi W.M.S. Auxiliary held 16 meetings, had a sale of work and observed the Day of Prayer, sending $2.12 to the Treasurer in Canada. They have contributed towards the support of an orphan, non-Christian Sunday Schools, and the Memorial Church.

Miss Douglas reports that an Amkhut and Normal School graduate, Tara, eldest daughter of Jigiya, the newly-ordained minister of Jobat Church, is taking charge of the re-organized primary school at Jobat, of 28 children, which frees Miss Douglas for evangelistic work.

The Misses MacMurchy and Errey find many interesting things to tell about the language school, the difference between nursing in India and Canada, but most of all of the joy of really starting life as a missionary!

Miss McConnell arrived in Canada last summer after spending three months in Ireland and attending the conventions for nurses in Belgium and Paris. Her vivid presentation of the needs during her valuable deputation work in the autumn has resulted in definite plans for expansion in Jobat Hospital. Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Toronto, and her daughter have given funds for the building and furnishing of a maternity wing, and a legacy has been received through Duart Auxiliary, Chatham Presbyterial, to build the Nurses' Training Home in memory of the late Mary Broadbent. This is recorded with deep thankfulness.

Once again Jobat was destined to be the scene of the sickness and death of a beloved missionary, Miss Mildred E. Soutar, R.N. ''The value of the work Miss Soutar established 'In His Name' for the W.M.S., can only be measured by its results as time goes on, but she left a shining light of example, by her life of supreme unselfishness and devotion that will forever brighten the pathway of those who may take up her torch.''

Miss Errey was appointed to take charge of the Children's Home and soon won the affection of the 10 little ones committed to her care.

All her fellow missionaries speak with appreciation of the help and inspiration that Miss Maxwell, our senior missionary, has been to them. In the autumn she camped with her evangelists and Bible women in a new district. A ''village'' in Bhil land means a section with from 50 to 100 homes of Bhil farmers, all pleasant, polite, interesting people. As a result of her special study of Greek and Hebrew, Miss Maxwell has begun to translate the Bible into their language, having already completed the Gospel of St. John and one of the epistles.

In October, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., was welcomed to Amkhut where she will assist with educational work.

The Amkhut school began the year with 208 scholars. Three graduate girls were added to the teaching staff in the primary department where there are 80 children. From the 6th class 3 boys passed into Alirajpur State High School, one girl to Khandwa Middle School and one to Bible Training School. Seven boys were sent to Agricultural School and 5 put to work on Amkhut farm. There are also 4 girls in High School matriculation classes at Jubblepore, 4 at Swedish Mission Bible School and 3 in nurses' training. Two are graduating from Jhansi Hospital, those who did so previously having obtained good positions. Slowly but surely we are seeing our boys and girls trained for a great work among their own people.

Miss Williamson finds feeding her huge family a problem only to be solved by purchasing and storing large quantities of grains before rainy season. The school garden provides fresh fruit and vegetables. What a wonderful accounting of faithful stewardship in the carrying on of Miss Robson's beloved work, Miss Williamson will be able to give when she comes home on her delayed and well-deserved furlough.

Small grants were sent to Ludhiana Medical College and St. Christopher's Training School.

JAPAN

THERE has been growth in all departments of the work. Christian groups have sprung up faster than leaders can be found. Perhaps one of the most remarkable increases is in the W.M.S. There are 30 Auxiliaries, 11 more than the year before. The W.M.S. house in Kobe was completed in April. The missionaries are very grateful for such a comfortable and restful home.

Although Miss MacLean lives in Kobe, supervision of women's work and kindergarten schools takes her far afield. One trip took her to Nagasaki where she and the resident Bible woman visited all Korean homes, then for four days she held Bible classes for women and addressed evening meetings, when, as she says, ''In my poor Korean I sought to give these people something to satisfy the spiritual hunger one felt was in their lives.'' Other journeys are regular visits to all kindergarten schools. During March she attended 6 of the graduating exercises of the 7 schools, presented diplomas to 56 children and gave the address in each. One little child 4 years of age recited three verses of Scripture with references. In Osaka, the kindergarten is in the slum district where Miss MacLean considers it a bright light shining in the darkness of sin.

The Women's Missionary Societies continue their willing gifts to the Mission. Each member of one Auxiliary gives, besides her regular free-will offering, a spoonful of her daily portion of rice. On Sundays this is taken to church and the quantity thus gathered from all is sold and the money given to the W.M.S. Treasurer. This means real sacrifice for even rice is not plentiful in Korean homes.

Miss Anderson carries on the evangelistic work in Nagoya city and district, visiting, distributing tracts, witnessing for Christ individually or in groups, gathering children into Sunday Schools and in group singing. She feels that by singing hymns the boys and girls hear little sermons through song, while in Sunday School they learn of a heavenly Father's love though they experience little or nothing of an earthly parent's care or love. In her visiting, our missionary and her helper are received courteously and the women listen to their gospel message. The tracts left in the homes help to impress the message upon their minds and hearts.

While visiting in the hitherto unworked district of Gayomac preparatory to organizing a group she discovered a lonely Christian woman, lonely, because there was no Christian Church in that place. This woman was so pleased to see the missionary, she asked her to hold the first meeting in her home. This meeting was the beginning of an enthusiastic group because a Christian young man, who had been baptized by Rev. L. L. Young came to that meeting. He is now the zealous leader of this group. A Christian young woman was discovered here whose home life was very unhappy, because her husband had no patience with her beliefs and was cruel to her. She remained faithful to her Christian profession, prayed earnestly for him and in the end her prayers and good example in the home won her husband for Christ.

Miss Anderson and her companion feel that, in Nagoya, through prayer alone, interest has been awakened in a school for young men. There was no way for the ladies to reach these young men by personal contact. In time, three young men came to them asking for help in the study of the Bible, one has entered a Theological College and the others are now believers. One of these said, ''I have found the new life and have laid all on God's altar.''

In October, Rev. Kim Itoo, Korea's most famous evangelist gave several weeks to the Presbyterian Mission in Japan, spending nine days in Nagoya. He conducted day-break meetings, intensive Bible study classes, morning, afternoon and evening meetings. Truths not realized before were brought home and decisions to believe were many so it was felt the evangelist's visit was a great blessing. May we ever uphold our missionaries in earnest prayer and through prayer find for them a medical missionary for whom they still plead.

A Mongolian girl, four years of age, who memorized the Apostles Creed and John 3: 16, in Chinese, last fall. Rev. Allan Reoch gave her a picture, sent from Mission Bands at home. She was very pleased with It.

MANCHURIA

WHILE our Society has no missionaries now in Manchuria, we are glad to have a part in the work of preparing women evangelists in the short term training classes conducted by Mrs. Davis. The women in attendance live in the neighborhood; and, already, a number have gone on to Bible School for further training. Mrs. Davis' idea is to visit the various stations to which the students are returning from their classes, and with their help hold other classes for the Christian women and inquirers. In this work Mrs. Davis formerly had much experience. Our grant for Christian literature, Mrs. Davis declared, ''came at the nicest moment possible and made me feel we could go ahead and print other tracts we want for our work.'' Because of the uncertainty of life and property in the north, it is still considered unwise to send new workers to the field.

SOUTH CHINA

PAST are the days when the Church offered her prayers for open doors in South China. Now, doors are wide open for evangelism and the Gospel may be proclaimed without serious opposition. Contrary to the situation in the north, there has been no political disturbance nor fighting this year. Travel has been safe. With new motor roads, workers have been able to reach some of the more neglected sections.

In the autumn, Doctor Jessie MacBean returned to Hackett Medical College, Canton — a different Hackett College without the presence of its deeply lamented Head —Doctor Hofmann. She found the whole plant disorganized and her own department ''shot to pieces''. The work of restoration was at once started, and her department also the Public Health clinics have been organized.

Two difficult problems are being faced: the affiliation with Lingman University and the Hospital Building Campaign by the Chinese. The American funds are secured for the Hospital but cannot be used until the Chinese raise their share. Many small non-Christian but highly equipped hospitals and nursing homes have recently been opened attracting the wealthy patients, and Hackett's old buildings in which so much charitable work has been done, must be brought up-to-date in the modern city of Canton.

Dr. Jessie MacBean and two public health nurses.

The fear that the Christian character of their school might suffer when it became a registered government school has proved groundless. Mrs. Hofmann has done much to foster interest in religious work and Doctor MacBean describes the students as ''out and out for Christ.'' Kagawa, of Japan, recently visited Canton and, although feeling still runs high against Japan, his humble and Christ-like spirit dispelled all opposition and the Chinese students were greatly impressed by his teaching. We shall not forget Doctor MacBean in the great tasks to which she is devoting her consecrated body and spirit.

Mrs. Burkwall reports that in Canton city and suburbs, church building has progressed. In one instance a new church has been financed largely by Christian Chinamen returning from Canada, amongst whose elders are three or four men who became Christians in Montreal. While a number of new preaching places have been opened these are financed by individuals rather than by congregations. To instance the type of individuals who are the strength of the Church of Christ, one man, the owner of the largest and best Chinese hotel in Canton, keeps an evangelist to work among his employees, has a Bible in every room and this year along with a few others, has opened a new preaching hall in one of the suburbs, helping himself in aggressive Christian work. While hotels in Hong Kong under European management were advertising all kinds of festivities at Christmas time, he sent out invitations on a card engraved with a golden cross, to a meeting in their banquet hall to celebrate with them ''the joyous occasion'' of our Saviour's birth and to ''give thanks to God for His great gift of love.''

In the Shek Lung district so closely connected with Mrs. Burkwall's former labors Rev. Calvin Lee the director of Christian work has had five associates, two graduates of Bible Schools, and one having had two years of study. Several students in Canton are being helped by our W.M.S. fund at the new Bible School, also at a Missionary School; while a few young men students are given partial assistance. The opening of a much needed chapel at Tung Kun city, and a new house for women's work in Shek Lung have also been made possible by this $1,000 grant to the work of the Church of Christ in China.

Conferences for the deepening of the spiritual life have been well attended, the younger missionaries, and, in two cases, second generation missionaries, being on the programme. Mrs. Burkwall represents our Church in Canada on the Synod and keeps in touch with many Chinese families who have returned from Canada.

SHANGHAI

OUR small grant has gone as usual to Mrs. Donald MacGillivray in Shanghai for Christian Literature. We wish that this grant might be increased, and that we might be able to support a translator for their Society. We are proud that we as a Church support the Rev. Z. R. Zia in his varied work as editor, minister and translator. He was also instrumental in setting up the first Broadcasting Station in Shanghai for the dissemination of religious truths and he himself often speaks over the station.

BRITISH GUIANA

EVER since the decline of the sugar industries in British Guiana, the East Indians there have been trying to reconstruct their methods of earning their livelihood. During the latter part of this period, the

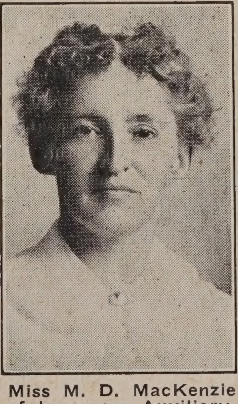
Church, too, has been constructing a different policy in the carrying on of her work—endeavoring to give the native Christians a greater share and more responsibility in the work. Several sad and unforeseen circumstances have retarded the progress of reconstruction, spiritual as well as, material. Rev. R. G. Fisher's death last December and Dr. Cropper's failing health, leaves Rev. David Marshall the sole representative of our Church there. He is heroically trying to carry on the work in the three districts, and, at the same time, to inaugurate the Church's reconstruction policy.

After the collapse of the sugar industries, the majority of the employees undertook the cultivation of rice, which, as yet, has not been very profitable. A succession of poor crops and poor markets has been most discouraging. The recent almost unprecedented floods drove hundreds of poor families from their homes, which with their few possessions were swept away. We were glad to send $200 to Mr. Marshall to relieve some of the distress.

Pending the Church's reconstructive policy, we have not sent a teacher to replace Miss Green, who resigned the principalship of the Girls' High School some time ago. Miss Glasgow, who has been an assistant teacher in the School for several years, is carrying on, with the assistance of some of the masters from the Boy's High School, who instruct the girls in the higher forms.

An Example of Simple Faithfulness

AT the January meeting of the W.M.S. of Inverness, Que., the members of the Society extended a signal honor to Miss Margaret MacKenzie in the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate in the W.M.S. Miss MacKenzie has completed her thirtieth year of active service in the Society, never having missed a meeting (except for legitimate excuses), nor turned aside an opportunity for genuine service. She has held various offices and secretaryships in the Society and, at one time, was the leader of the Mission Band. During these past thirty years, nine Presbyterian ministers have held the pastorate of Inverness-Adderley, the Reverend H. C. Sutherland being the officiating minister at the time when Miss MacKenzie became a charter member of the W.M.S.



Miss M. D. MacKenzie of Inverness Auxiliary.

(**Note.**—Although Miss MacKenzie knew that this tribute was to appear we especially regret that she passed away before we were able to insert it—Editor).

Special Campaign Fund

ON July 5th there is on hand for the Special Campaign Fund $15,911.84. All expense has been met and there is not likely to be any more.

At Council meeting in Montreal it was agreed that this Fund close in all branches on December 31st, 1934. Will all key women take very special note of this. It means that final money for this Fund should be in the hands of the key women in all branches by December 31st, and sent on at once so that the Provincial Treasurer may be able to have final payments in the hands of the General Treasurer, Toronto, by January 31st, 1935.

Before the end of the year $9,089 must be raised, and it can be done if our present rate is maintained, and a little special effort made.

Council also passed two very significant resolutions:

1. Should less than $25,000 be received for the Special Campaign Fund, agreed to recommend that the sum raised be made up to $25,000.

2. Should more than $25,000 be received, agreed to pay in to the Church $25,000 promised, after reimbursing the Fund for any expense incurred, and report any surplus to Provincials for consideration at their annual meetings.

The first recommendation means that if our branches fall short of $25,000 the General Treasurer must make up the balance from the Sustaining Fund. Council took the view that as $25,000 was promised, $25,000 must be paid. But we feel sure our branches will much prefer to raise the $9,089 required than to draw from funds so much needed for our work.

We would particularly ask that when the Special Campaign Fund ends every one who has a gold mite box would carefully preserve it. Mission Bands are asked to preserve their boxes also. At the Provincial annual meetings the continuance of these boxes for *our own work* is to be discussed. These boxes cost money and the Council asked that they be preserved.

Helen M. Strachan,
Convener of Special Campaign Fund.

God of our fathers, bless this our land;
    Ocean to ocean owneth Thy hand.
Home of all nations from far and near,
    Give, to unite us, Thy faith and fear.
God of our fathers, failing us never,
    God of our fathers, be ours forever.

—John Henry Hopkins.

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, we would lift up our hearts in praise to Thee for all Thy goodness to us. We thank Thee for this beautiful world in which Thou hast placed us, and for the evidences of Thy love and care which surround us. We thank Thee for each season as it comes, but most of all for the summer when we can have happy intercourse with one another in the great out-of-doors. We thank Thee for vacation days with their freedom from set hours and routine work; for summer schools and camps where so many young people go. Protect them from all dangers and grant that in these recreation days they may come to know Thee better and to offer themselves for service as leaders of girls or little children. Grant us strength for each day's duties. Enable us to overcome weariness or loneliness and to meet irritations and difficulties with cheerfulness. Make us thoughtful and kind. Guide, we beseech Thee, our beloved Church. Endue with the power of the Holy Ghost her ministers and missionaries who at home or abroad preach and teach and heal in Thy Name. May the peace of God which passeth understanding rest on them and abide with them. Remember, we entreat Thee, the poor, the homeless, the neglected and comfort all those whose days are clouded by sickness, anxieties or sorrow. Bring peace in our time O Lord. Bless our King and his counsellors. Grant wisdom to our leaders in public life. ''Enable them to rise above all self-seeking and party zeal into the larger sentiments of public good and human brotherhood.'' These petitions we ask with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

SEPTEMBER will see the beginning of many activities in the Missionary work, and the Publications Committee hope to have the new Study Book available early in the month, so that programme committees may get suggestions under way.

For a convenient early fall meeting (September would be an excellent month) a Birthday Programme has been prepared and is given on page 276 of this issue. This has been arranged so that every Auxiliary may share in the celebrating of the Seventieth Anniversary of our Women's Missionary

Society. Extra copies of the Programme may be secured free of charge by writing for them.

FELLOW CITIZENS, is the title of the new two-year Study Book for the Auxiliaries. This book is based on world conditions and the relation of our work in helping to solve their problems. It is arranged for a two-year study, and the price is 35c. per copy.

YOUNG JAPAN, by Mabel Kerschner, has been chosen for the girl's study book, and a help is being prepared to go with it, which will outline programmes based on our own work in Japan. Young Japan sells for 25c. and the programme help is 10c.

FLOWERS IN FAR FIELDS will continue to be the Mission Band study book for another year. The price is 35c. per copy.

A GENTLEMAN IN PRISON has been republished and is now available. This amazing book was written by a prisoner in Japan, and was translated by the late Dr. Caroline Macdonald, to whom he owed his Christian enlightenment. Paper bound, per copy 35c.

THE HOUSE OF EXILE, by Nora Waln, is an amazingly beautiful story of life in China, given with sympathetic detail. Excellent for supplementary reading and a fascinating story. Price $3.50.

A GIRL'S PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD, by Marjorie Trotter, has just been published, and it is one of those exquisite little books, which become part of one's personal treasure. Short devotions, poems and talks comprise the contents of more than one hundred pages. The binding is brown art board and the price just 60c. We highly recommend it for girls—of all ages—from nine to ninety.

Seventieth Anniversary of the W. M. S.

BIRTHDAY PROGRAMME

1864 – 1934

"O matchless honor all unsought,
High privilege surpassing thought
That Thou should call me, Lord, to be
Linked in a fellowship with Thee.
To carry out Thy wondrous plan
To bear Thy messages to man—
In trust with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of human race."

Programme suitable for the September Rally Meeting or any suitable time during 1934.

PROGRAMME

HYMN 74.—"O God, our help in ages past."

(This hymn was sung at the first meeting of the Amalgamated Societies in 1914).

Business.—Minutes, business and reports might be dealt with as briefly as possible.

Prayer.—By a Past-President. (Of thanksgiving for the work of the years).

Scripture.—Isaiah chapter 25; 26: 1-4.

Hymn 599.—''O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand.''

Address.—(The speaker might speak about 15 minutes on the history of our Society, looking backward over the realization of the dreams of the years.)

(See May *Glad Tidings*). Also booklet ''Seventy Years of Progress.'' Price 15c.

Silent Prayer.—That we in the work who have taken the torch from our mothers may hold it high.

Solo.—(582—''O Master let me walk with Thee.'')

Offering.—Birthday offering.

Address.—Looking forward, with the dream of the years—The World for Christ.

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A birthday cake might be placed on the table, and the seven candles — one for each ten years — lighted.

Also, the president or the pastor might present a bouquet of flowers to the oldest member of the Society present.

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Hymn.—The Doxology.

Closing Prayer.

All invited to remain for the cutting of the Birthday Cake and tea.

Forward We Shall Venture

(This poem for the Seventieth Anniversary of the W.M.S.
Tune.—Forward be our Watchword, No. 605).

Forward we shall venture,
Into this new day,
Our blue banner o'er us
Pointing out the way.
Forward, we as women
Move, a mighty throng
'Gainst a world indifferent
To His word, too long.

Forward, with our motto,
''Christ for all the world''
Every nation Christian
'Neath His flag unfurled.
Missionaries raising
Hope that buried lies,
Deaconesses taking
Comfort and supplies.

Doctors, nurses healing
Sick ones and distressed.
Every member praying
That our work be blessed.
Send the anthem rolling
On from sea to sea;
''Peace'' the theme we cherish;
Friendship, broad and free.

Father heal the nations,
Help us bury hate,
Give us wider vision
For the tasks that wait,
Tasks our mothers fondly,
Pioneered, and dreamed
Of our Master glorious
In a world redeemed.

April 27, 1934.

L. Ballantyne.

Suggestions

Make this a special meeting, and a GREAT OCCASION.

Appoint a Committee to see that all details are arranged well in advance.

Invite the Honorary Presidents and Past-Presidents of the Auxiliary to sit on the platform.

Invite the Home Helpers, Young Women, Girls' Groups and Mission Band.

Have the Literature Secretary or Library Secretary display past and present Study Books.

For offering, bring a cent for every year you are a member of the Society.

YOUNG WOMEN

A JULY DAY

BRILLIANT sunlight, cloudless skies,
Blue lakes framed in emerald green,
Forest walls that darkly rise
Just beyond this quiet scene.

Out along these rural ways
Are wild roses, blooming fair;
And the breezes that o'er them plays
Adds their sweetness to the air.

Somewhere in the trees above
Zephyrs touch an unseen lyre;
And it sings and sings of love;
Nature ever must aspire.

God is in the summer sky,
In each land and water way,
All that comes to ear or eye—
God is everywhere to-day.

—*Addison Browne.*

A VOICE FROM MANITOBA

MRS. M. THOMSON, Secretary of the Young Women's Auxiliary, Knox Church, Neepawa, sends us— ''A glimpse into the nature of our work in the 'Edith Coulter' Auxiliary.''

''Situated in the heart of Manitoba is the town—Neepawa. The name, interpreted, means 'Horn of Plenty', and the tradition which hangs thereby, has continued to hold true, despite the depression. The 'Edith Coulter' Auxiliary, was organized over four years ago, under the leadership of her, whose name the Auxiliary honors.

''At the beginning of the year, a schedule of programmes, covering ten months, is prepared, with four members in charge of each meeting. Periodically a social evening and silver tea is held in connection with a work-meeting to re-imburse the expense fund.

''The study book, 'Seven Seas of Service', is being used this year. Other books used for study have been 'Couriers of the King'; 'How God Answers Prayer', by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth; and 'Miracle Lives of China', by the same authors. One year was spent in the study of our overseas fields. Maps were given to each member with the Mission Field, and its activities plainly outlined. Each member was asked to write to, pray for and learn about the work of one special missionary, this method served to bring the work more closely home to the members.''

A Graduation

Again as school and college year comes to a close, our thoughts are of Graduation Day and all it means in the lives of those who graduate. We too, have Graduation Days in our Society, and if these graduations are marked by a graduation service, it will give importance to this forward step in the missionary life of those who are making it. Kingston Presbyterial reports a service of this kind as follows:

''A very impressive graduation ceremony was held in Kingston when several members of St. Andrew's Mission Band graduated into the Young Women's Auxiliary. Junior Memberships were presented to Betty Fardell and Phyllis Murray, the graduates with the longest perfect attendance records. The graduates were entertained at supper by the 'Laura K. Pelton' Auxiliary and were later made members of that Auxiliary.''

Marking an Anniversary

In view of the fact, that this year is the Seventieth Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society, it is interesting to note that our Young Women's Department is also making history, as evidenced by the following item:

''The Young Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy, Ontario, recently commemorated its thirty-second anniversary. Miss Alma Burdick, of Formosa, who has for the past five years exchanged monthly letters with the Auxiliary members was the guest speaker.''

A Suggestion

Now is the time to appoint your programme committee for next year. One Auxiliary appoints a committee of four, whose duty it is to decide what field will be studied during the year, and to suggest what books and study helps will be used in their course of study. Appointing your programme committee now, gives them an opportunity to be on the look-out during the summer for any material which can be used in preparing programmes, to read any books available on the country to be studied, and to be prepared to give valuable help to the members who are in charge of the programmes, next season.

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

THE RICE LEGEND

ALREADY we are thinking and talking of Japan, our new field of study for next year. In Japan, rice is the chief article of food; yesterday I found a very lovely legend of how rice came to earth.

Once upon a time Amaterasu, the Sun Goddess, deity of the day, had a family squabble with her brother, the Moon God, and in a most ungodlike sulk she ran away and hid herself in a cave, refusing to show her face to the earth. So day after day passed and there was no light in the world and because there was no warmth of sunshine of course there was no life. All the water froze over, the plants died, and starvation and death faced the inhabitants of the earth.

Many came to the cave imploring her to come out once more, but she would not even condescend to answer and there seemed no further hope until one wise man conceived a plan. He counted on proverbial feminine curiosity to gain his point and brought a vast multitude of girls down to her place of concealment. They were grouped with their backs turned to the mouth of the cave, instructed to gaze away as though looking earnestly at some amusing spectacle and at a given signal to break into merry peals of laughter.

They carried out their instructions to the letter and soon the sulky goddess was startled to hear shouts of merriment coming from the dark gloomy world. Quickly she sprang up and came to the entrance of the cave, impelled by curiosity to see the cause of their amusement, and forced herself through the closely grouped girls, who immediately surrounded her and, holding a mirror before her astonished eyes, bade her look at the most beautiful face in the world.

She had never before beheld herself in a mirror and now, lost in admiration, she stood and gazed, while the men of the earth closed tightly the cave which she had inhabited and bound the obstacles in place with ropes. Then, when she found how she had been tricked, Amaterasu, her good humor restored, laughed and mounted up once more to her throne in the skies. But as she looked down on the earth and realized what terrible suffering her fit of temper had occasioned, she decided that she must make amends. So she sent her grandson, the Rice God, to earth, ordaining that he should cast off his divinity and, becoming a man, should live on earth forever in the person of his descendants, who are the Mikadoes who have ruled Japan for generations.

This Rice God it was who, according to the legend, devoted his life to the instruction and betterment of the human race and taught them the use of the nutritious grain.

MISSION BANDS

MISSION BAND PENNIES

THE coins were all talking together as they lay on the Collection Plate.

''I wonder what we are here for?'' said one of the pennies.

''I can't understand it at all,'' said a very old nickel. ''Every other time I have been given away the person who gave me got something in return. This time the little girl just put me on the plate and, as far as I could see, did not get anything at all.''

''Perhaps,'' said a shiny new penny, ''we are to be used for something different this time, for something very wonderful.''

''You certainly are,'' said the Collection Plate. ''Lots and lots of pennies, nickels and dimes have been given to me; the ones I receive go out into all parts of the world carrying messages of love.''

''Do you know where we are to go?'' said one of the pennies.

''Indeed I do,'' answered the Collection Plate, ''for you are Mission Band pennies and all Mission Band pennies go to help the work of the Women's Missionary Society. The pennies the Mission Bands give support all the work for the first day of every month. Come along with me now and I will show you a little bit of the work that you and many more like you will be doing on the first day of next month.''

Away they went! They travelled faster than the wind over land and sea until they came to the ''Helen Macdonald'' Boarding School in Jhansi, India. The sun was just rising when they got there. They looked in the windows of the long white building which was the dormitory and saw little black-haired girls fast asleep on their mattresses on the floor. A bell rang and the girls wakened up.

''They start early,'' said a well-worn nickel, as he looked at the clock. ''It is only a quarter to five.''

''That is because the girls do all the housework of the school as well as their lessons, so they have to get up early,'' replied the Collection Plate.

A few minutes after the bell had rung everyone was busy. Eight little girls went off to cook the breakfast and get the dinner partly prepared. Another group of girls were grinding the grain and singing as they worked.

In the school and also in the school-yard other girls were busy sweeping and making things clean and tidy. At a quarter past seven the breakfast bell rang and the girls ran eagerly into the dining rooms. When breakfast was over they tidied themselves for school. How nice and clean they all looked in their saris as they gathered with their teachers for prayers.

After prayers they went to their class-rooms.

''What are they studying?'' asked one of the pennies.

''Just about the same things as Canadian children do,'' answered the Collection Plate. ''They have geography, history, arithmetic, composition, literature, hygiene and Bible study. Their books, of course, are all written in Hindi but they study English as an extra language.''

The pennies watched the children at work until dinner time. After dinner, the sun was high and it was very hot. The smaller children went to rest and an hour later the older ones followed. Soon all was quiet and the verandahs were lined with sleeping girls.

At three o'clock the bell rang again. The girls got up and once more worked in groups cooking, grinding wheat and doing other duties until it was time to do their homework. Homework finished there was an hour left for games and play. First the coins watched a basket-ball game and then they watched some of the smaller children playing blindman's buff and others playing tag. They all seemed to be enjoying themselves, and their black eyes danced with the excitement of the games. At six o'clock the supper bell rang. ''Puppy,'' the school dog, barked and ran to the dining-room followed by the laughing happy girls.

''So that is what Mission Band pennies do,'' said the shiny new penny. ''I am so glad that I am one and can tell the story of Jesus, and bring so much happiness to dear little girls like these.''

—B. K. Riddell.

(The material for this story was sent by Miss Irene Stringer, Principal of the ''Helen Macdonald'' School, Jhansi).

RESULTS OF THE STUDY SCRAP BOOK COMPETITION 1934

FORTY-ONE lovely books were sent in for the Study Scrap Book Competition. They were all beautiful and every Band that made one deserves a great deal of credit. All our Provinces were represented, and to London Presbyterial, in Ontario, goes the honor of sending in the largest number. The books, which were to be a review of our Study Book, *Flowers in Far Fields,* were all different. Some were very artistic with many pictures of flowers, all had pictures to illustrate the study lessons. Others had clippings from the *Glad Tidings,* and many other sources, photographs, handwritten compositions and drawings. The judges were, Miss MacMurchy, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich and Mrs. J. W. Dill, and, in making awards, they considered information (handwritten and printed), arrangement, neatness and originality. The following were the prize winners:

First prize (presented by your Secretary)—''Douglas'' Mission Band, Creston, B.C., received by Mrs. James Herd.

Second prize (presented by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich and Mrs. J. W. Dill)—''St. Andrew's Mission Helpers Band,'' Saskatoon, Sask., received by Mrs. M. Grant.

Special prize (presented by Mrs. James G. Kent)—''Welcome'' Mission Band, Rocky Mountain House, Alta., received by Mrs. Hugh Jack.

The following Bands received seals and had the honor of having their books autographed by our President: Gold, ''Jessie Winchester'' Mission Band, Knox Church, Toronto, Ont.; ''Gordon Mission Band'', Glencoe, Ont.; ''Argyle Mission Band'', Crinan, Ont.; Silver, ''Searchlight Mission Band,'' Cardinal, Ont.; ''Caroline Macdonald Mission Band,'' Elmwood Ave., London, Ont.; ''Sunbeams Mission Band,'' St. Paul's Church, Winchester, Ont.; Knox Church Mission Band, Drayton, Ont.; ''Golden Links Mission Band,'' Elmwood Church, Winnipeg, Man.; ''Catharine Currie Mission Band,'' New St. James, London, Ont.; ''Mary Gordon'' Mission Band, Englehart, Ont.; ''Maple Leaf'' Mission Band, Foxboro, Ont.; ''Gorge Church Mission Band,'' Victoria, B.C.

The prizes were presented at the Council Meeting in Montreal and the winners of the gold and silver seals were announced. The Scrap Books were taken to Montreal where all members of the Council had the privilege of seeing them and afterwards the books were on exhibit at the General Assembly.

A number of letters came to me telling me how much the Mission Banders enjoyed making these books so I have decided that there will be a competition again next year. Full particulars of this will be announced in the September *Glad Tidings.*

—B. K. Riddell.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Synopsis of Lecture VII

THE GROUP AT STUDY

WHAT does it mean to study? Let us ask ourselves some questions. About what do you first think as the words ''Study Period'' loom into view in your weekly programme?

In many groups it may be admitted that so far as the children are concerned the term ''study'' is synonymous with listening to a story, looking at a picture, and perhaps occasionally attempting some handwork. Let us ask ourselves, under such a procedure do pupils really study; or is most of it done by the teachers? How can we be certain that attitudes are changed and friendship practised with friends near and far under such a plan? Further, has it stimulated the interest of the pupils?

In arranging our study period we should plan for as much pupil activity as possible. What the children do themselves—thinking or handwork—will make a more lasting impression than what they are told. The Leader should not do all the talking. She should try to draw her pupils out and make them think by questions. Questions should be addressed to the group and then to the individual child. Questions should be connected with the pupils' experience in their own lives (from things that are familiar lead to things that are unfamiliar). Questions should always be prepared carefully in advance. Questions can also be written on a slip of paper and given to the pupils a few days before the study meeting. The pupil can find out the information and give it to the class when asked by the teacher, or each child can be asked to find out one interesting thing about the country to be studied, or the class can be divided into groups and each group asked to prepare some part of the study programme.

The story is very important. It should be used as a means to a missionary end, not as an end in itself. It is preferable to tell a story rather than read it. Some facts about story telling are:

1. The story should be a life message which passes from one soul to another.
2. A story should have
   (a) a short arresting beginning,
   (b) a series of interesting events,
   (c) a climax,
   (d) a short happy ending.
3. A story should be told spontaneously, simply, and with natural gestures, pauses, and changes of quality and inflections of voice. Good English should be used in it. To tell it well it should be first appraised as a ''worthwhile story'' by the one who is going to tell it.

Handwork is also important. Little hands can not be idle for long, children learn to do by doing; therefore, handwork *directly* connected with the study is helpful.

1. A Study Scrap Book or Work Book. In this the children write notes or compositions about the work studied. They can collect pictures, printed articles or stamps and arrange or paste them in this book.
2. A wall map on which mission stations and journeys connected with the Study Book can be marked.
3. Outline pictures which can be colored.
4. The fellowship period should be directly connected with the study period and should lead up to or supplement the study of the day. A game or exhibit (pictures or curios) or playlet

or brief pageant might be part of the study programme (see synopsis of chapter VI in June *Glad Tidings*).

In planning a study period remember ''The Laws of Learning'' (see synopsis of chapter III in March *Glad Tidings*). Some one has defined teaching in these words, ''Teaching is guiding, inspiring, and stimulating a child to action or interest of a desirable kind.'' This is what the mission study period is for. The secret of successful leadership is to have the programme prepared so that it will move smoothly and effectively from start to finish.

Our own Mission Band Study Book *Flowers in Far Fields* should be used in every group. The study course, from September, 1934 to June, 1935, will be the last nine chapters of this book. This and other helps may be secured at the W.M.S. Publications Office at Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

The above outline is based on the seventh lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the eighth lecture is ''Service Activities''.

—B. K. Riddell.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST., S. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary was well attended. The Executive had charge of the programme. Mrs. Gainor, Mrs. Rae and Mrs. Allott led the devotions. Short prayers were offered by three other members of the Executive on behalf of our missionaries in Jhansi, India. Interesting slides were shown by Mrs. Allott on the work of the late Miss Mildred Soutar, in the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home,'' India. The special speaker was Mrs. Grace Darracott, who took as her theme, ''Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.'' Mrs. Chalmers gave a comprehensive report of the Provincial meeting.

Calgary Presbyterial collected a large number of books for Miss Grigor's library at Wanham.

At the Presbyterial Executive, interesting papers were given by Miss Elsie Gray, on British Guiana, and by Mrs. R. L. Freeman, on China.

Edmonton P.S.—There is increased interest in all departments of our missionary work. In the north, Rev. J. M. Fraser, of Brownvale, has organized an Associate Society and Mission Bands. Dr. Margaret Strang Savage has organized a Women's Missionary Auxiliary at Dixonville. The Presbyterial Executive assisted in supplies for these new organizations. A library of excellent books has been sent to Miss M. Grigor, at Wanham. A new Auxiliary has been organized from the young women of the choir of Rupert Street Church.

Our Presbyterial assumed the responsibility of having our missionary work brought before our Church, through a special address at a Church service. Our President, Mrs. Sykes, was chosen for this presentation and has addressed the congregations of three city Churches. To many, the extent of our work has been a revelation and will, we trust, increase the interest of our women in our missionary task.

Two sets of lantern slides, one depicting ''the work of the late Miss Soutar in India,'' the other the ''Jubilee in Formosa,'' were shown at the East Side Branch of First Presbyterian S.S. to 100 interested boys and girls, the staff and many of the children's parents. Mrs. H. E. Walker explained the work as the slides were shown.

Rupert St. Church responded to a request from Dr. Margaret Strang Savage for orchestra music with a splendid supply, and in excellent condition.

Red Deer P.S. Executive held its quarterly meeting in Knox Church Red Deer, Mrs. Hugh Jack presiding. Most of the departments were reported. The same day the Mission Band and C.G.I.T. leaders held a conference with Miss Matthews, deaconess, in charge. The leaders found this conference most helpful in solving their problems.

At the close of the May meeting of Red Deer Auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, joined the W.M.S. members in a handkerchief shower and to bid good-bye to Mrs. Maunsell who is moving to Vancouver. Keen regret was expressed at losing such a valued Church member, Mrs. Maunsell having taken an active part in the Sunday School, Mission Band, W.M.S., Ladies' Aid, and at the same time, being Provincial Mission Band Secretary. During the social hour Mrs. Maunsell was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—Every organization of St. Stephen's Church, N. Vancouver, was represented and took part in the programme at the Auxiliary Thank-offering service. Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Provincial Secretary, was the speaker and gave an interesting and much appreciated talk.

An enjoyable tea was held in St. Andrew's Church hall, New West-minister, when the Missionary Society met to confer a Life Membership on Mrs. H. E. Murchie and Mrs. Ernest Mannering, as a token of appreciation of their services. The certificates were presented by Mrs. A. E. Vert. Miss Jessie Walker, on behalf of the Young Women's Auxiliary, pinned on Mrs. Murchie's badge, and Miss Barbara McKay, for the Mission Band, performed a like ceremony for Mrs. Mannering. Miss Elizabeth Taylor, for many years a Missionary in China, and who had received her Life Membership certificate twelve years ago, from Westminster Church, Toronto, was presented with a Life Membership pin.

The annual rally of the Young Women's Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial, was held in Mount Pleasant Church hall. It commenced with supper at 6.30, provided by the W.M.S. of the Church. There was an attendance of about 50. A sing-song was followed by Provincial and Presbyterial greetings, brought by Mrs. R. M. Thompson and Mrs. John McPherson. Miss Ruth Heighton, missionary in training for India, home from her first year in Toronto, spoke briefly. The theme of the Rally was ''Being a W.M.S. worker.'' This was taken in two parts—the first, Preparation, by Miss Roberta Smith, deaconess-at-large; the second, ''The Life and Work,'' by Mrs. R. J. Douglas, mother of Miss Ellen Douglas, of Jobat, India. Both speakers dealt with the practical side of their subjects, so that possible candidates were given all the information possible, and many gained a different viewpoint of the work, than they had previously held. Mrs. Shea, Home Helpers Secretary, outlined the work of that department, in the hope that our young women might be able to increase both membership and givings by branching out in this way. Each Auxiliary President spoke briefly on the work of her group, under the two headings— ''Extra Supply Work—Outside the Allocation,'' and ''Ways and Means of Raising Money.'' A beautiful vesper service on Peace, led by Miss Sybil White, closed the rally.

Kootenay P.S.—The twentieth annual meeting was held in Cranbrook, 15 delegates attending. The President, Mrs. C. J. Campbell, Cranbrook, presided. Mrs. Large, Cranbrook, gave the address of welcome, Mrs. Boyd, Creston, responded. The President in her address on the significance of present opportunities brought out the thought that God calls people to carry out his plans but we should seek His guidance in choosing the opportunities presented. Encouraging reports were received from the different departments, some of them showing increases in membership and givings. An excellent report of the Provincial annual meeting, in Victoria, was given by Mrs. H. H. Taylor, Creston. At the public meeting greetings were extended by the Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. J. Bell. Rev. M. Cuddiford, Kimberly, gave the address.

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FIRST Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Winnipeg, held their Easter Thank-offering, April 11th. A large attendance marked the occasion. The President, Mrs. A. M. L. Long, presided. The pastor, Rev. W. Gordon Maclean, conducted the devotional exercises. The guest speaker was Rev. E. J. M. Salter, Western Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He gave two delightful illustrated addresses. One was on our W.M.S. work entitled, ''From Ocean Unto Ocean'' in which we were taken on a trip across Canada and brought into contact with our workers and their work. The other was on ''The Codex Sinaiticus'' the valuable Biblical manuscript recently purchased by the British Government from Soviet Russia for the sum of $480,000.

A happy event in the life of St. John's Church Mission Band, Winnipeg, was the Thank-offering meeting. The Band, under the leadership of Mrs. A. Kennedy, assisted by Miss M. Todd, had spent much time in preparation for the programme, and those present listened with great pleasure to the choruses and scripture exercises. Mrs. W. S. Smith and Mrs. J. S. Flook brought messages in story form, which will long be remembered by old and young. This Band is small, but through the work of its present leader and lively members it is sure to grow.

The ''Golden Links'' Mission Band, Elmwood Church, Winnipeg, had a successful Thank-offering meeting. The programme was of an Easter nature, and the items of song and reading were much appreciated. The speaker was Mrs. J. S. Flook, who, with her wonderful supply of stories, is always welcomed by the children. This Band, under the leadership of Mrs. John Campbell and Miss M. Todd, is in a very healthy condition.

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WE would again remind our members who are going away for a vacation to leave their contributions with their Treasurer before they go, for the treasury must pay, even though we holiday.

A joint Thank-offering meeting of the Scott and MacBean Auxiliaries of St. John's Church, Toronto, was held, the minister, Rev. R. G. Stewart, D.D., presiding. A pageant, written by Rev. Fred Goforth, was ably presented. Other items were, solos, readings, a ladies' quartette. Mrs. R. Hutchinson of the Scott Auxiliary was presented with a Life Membership by the President, Mrs. R. M. Wallace.

A successful Easter meeting is reported from Elora, Guelph Presbyterial, with the Girls' Mission Band quartette singing; 14 members of the Boys' Mission Band gave a hammer drill, and Easter greetings and Rev. E. A. Thomson an inspirational address.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, held their meeting with the Young Women and Mission Band taking the programme.

At Dundalk, Orangeville Presbyterial, for the Easter meeting the Y.W.A. decorated the Sunday School room with flowers, the Girl Guides and Mission Band assisting them in the programme of solos, readings, soft music and an Easter tableau, several small boys gave an exercise, ''Spring is Coming.''

The Y.W.A., of Claude Church, held a bazaar with programme of music, and playette, ''The Girls of Glenville Camp,'' tea was served on small tables tastefully arranged. At their May meeting they entertained the senior Auxiliary and were keenly interested in suggestions for making their meetings more helpful. They gave a missionary play, ''The Yes-buters'', which all enjoyed, especially the men. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. P. Wilson, of the senior Auxiliary, by the Y.W.A.

The annual meeting of Saugeen Presbyterial took place at Harriston. Much interest was evidenced in the reports. Excellent addresses were given by Miss Alma Burdick, Formosa, and Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D., Toronto. Regrets were expressed at the retirement of the President, Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, and an address of appreciation was presented to her. Mrs. John Marshall, newly-elected President, spoke a few words of encouragement. Installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Toronto, Provincial Board representative.

At First Church, Chatham, Mrs. R. V. Rocker, leader of the Mission Band, was the recipient of a Life Membership at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Stokes, when a splendid programme, beautiful flowers and dainty refreshments combined to make a delightful meeting.

The Blytheswood Auxiliary, providing the programme, were guests of the Knox Church Society, Leamington.

Mount Zion, Ridgetown, report their Easter meeting much better than last year. The Society was presented by Miss Amy McLean, with enough pieced blocks to make a nice quilt, the work of her mother, a valued member, lately deceased.

Mrs. S. M. Ferguson addressed the meeting at St. Andrew's, Windsor. Knox, Windsor, have been requested to repeat their Easter play, ''What Owest Thou?''

The W.M.S., of Wallaceburg, sponsored a lecture by their minister, Rev. Fred Goforth, on the life and work of his father, Dr. Jonathan Goforth. A mother and daughter banquet given by the Mission Circle, was addressed by Mrs. F. Goforth.

The annual meeting of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, Mrs. D. MacGillivray, presiding.

Reports were presented with despatch. Increases and decreases were reported. Wiarton, Tara, and Williamsford Mission Bands stood first class on the honor roll. Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, addressed afternoon and evening meetings, presenting the need of the work and urging the training of the young in mission work. Mrs. Strachan installed the officers, stressing the need for co-operation in every way.

The Young Women's Mission Circle of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, celebrated their coming of age with a special meeting addressed by Mrs. W. D. Staples, at her home, all former members were invited, many came, others sent letters of greeting, which were read with the responses to the roll call, which were most interesting as each recalled some incident connected with the meetings of former days. The President, Miss J. McCaughey, presided. A social hour followed when the birthday cake aglow with 21 candles centered the tea table.

A Thank-offering tea was held by St. David's Church Auxiliary, Thornbury, Barrie Presbyterial, when many holiday visitors renewed their acquaintance with the members.

Collingwood heard an inspirational address on Korea, by Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto. At Nottawa, the home Church of Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch, a small Auxiliary of seven members and three Home Helpers (one a gentleman) are doing valiant work, meeting their allocation each year and giving generously to supplies, as well as gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Reoch. A baking sale and afternoon tea with sale of kitchen aprons is an annual event at which all the women of the congregation help. The money thus raised is used for their expense fund. Though small in numbers they are large in service and spirit.

QUEBEC

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The Late Miss M. D. McKenzie and Miss R. Scott

THE sympathy of the Women's Missionary Society as a whole, one might almost include our entire Church membership, goes out to the Quebec Presbyterial in the loss sustained by them in the death of two of their outstanding workers.

On March 31st, Miss M. D. McKenzie, for thirty years an active member of the Inverness Auxiliary, passed to her reward. Her fellow workers prepared a resolution of appreciation which was passed at the May meeting of the Auxiliary, referring to her career as that of a truly good woman who served her Church with humility, fidelity and energy. These characteristics combined with a sympathetic cheerful personality remain as a rich legacy in memory, and an incentive to future activity, on the part of her former associates in Church and W.M.S. work.

Just before ''Sunset and Evening Star'' on April 22nd, to the indomitable spirit of Rebecca Scott, came the summons to ''Cross the bar'' and meet her ''Pilot face to face''!

We know how eagerly the brave soul would respond, just as she had answered *every* call to service through many crowded years. Among other manifold duties, Miss Scott represented the W.M.S. at the Port of Quebec. At whatever hour incoming steamers discharged their passengers, she was at the dock to search out and welcome Presbyterian newcomers, see them safely on their way, and then report them by letter to the pastor of the Church whither they were bound. Stranded strangers sought the shelter of her home. The needy turned involuntarily to her door. The Red Cross and every other charity she represented, trusted her judgment and acted on her recommendation.

In addition to all this, she was for years President of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec City, President of the Missionary Auxiliary and, a few years ago, President of the Quebec Presbyterial. She gave herself unreservedly to all these various organizations seeming to forget entirely her own physical needs. It is marvellous that her frail body, driven by her indomitable will, stood the terrific strain as long as it did. As we gratefully remember all she did we pray that other equally devoted servants of God will be given strength to continue the work in the same spirit of high courage and strong faith.

Montreal P.S.—Representatives from 15 city Auxiliaries attended the quarterly executive meeting held in the lecture hall of Knox Crescent Church, Montreal. The President, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, presided. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by members of the Maisonneuve Auxiliary. The Treasurer's statement showed 1934 receipts to date $2,864.33, amount forwarded to Provincial Treasurer, $2,700.

Encouraging reports were presented by Departmental Secretaries. In Girls' Work, churches had been visited and contacts made with different groups of girls. A very successful conference, attended by both former and present Secretaries, had been held by the Department of Literature at the home of Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Provincial Literature Secretary. Sales amounted to $205.83. Miss C. E. Cameron and Mrs. Owen R. Campbell recently addressed a conference held in the Home Helpers' Department. Subscribers to *Glad Tidings* number 1,431. Fifteen Auxiliaries have increased their subscriptions. Two Honorary, 4 Life Memberships, 1 In Memoriam certificate and 1 Junior silver seal were issued. Ten new papers are available in the Exchange Department.

The Rev. David Scott gave a report of the meeting of the Board of Missions held recently in Toronto. Mrs. R. Ashton Kerr gave a brief account of the recent meeting of the Quebec Presbyterial, at which the Montreal executive was represented by 15 members.

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May 31st, 1934

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From THE EDITOR'S NOTE-BOOK

LAST year Blyth Auxiliary in Huron Presbyterial took 7 copies of the *Glad Tidings.* This year they have doubled their subscriptions. They have 18 members, and 14 subscribe for the *Glad Tidings.*

THE *Glad Tidings* is seen in strange and unexpected places. Recently Mrs. W. G. Hanna, a former Secretary for the Chinese in Canada on the Council Executive, who, with her husband, was en route to the old land, saw a lady on board the *S. S. Letitia* reading the *Glad Tidings,* and, she added, ''My heart went out to her. She was from Cranbrook, British Columbia.''

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Montreal P.S.—Livingstone Church M.B., Montreal; Côté des Neiges Church M.B., Montreal.

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The Glad Tidings

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The Council Meeting

A Summary of Impressive Events

THE Council meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, May 29th to June 1st, 1934. The gathering was also historic, for it marked the Seventieth Anniversary of the organization of the Society in the city of Montreal, in 1864.

Knox Crescent Church, a beautiful and commodious building with rich memorial windows tinting and tempering the illumination of this sacred place, and recalling deeds of honor, love and sacrifice, proved a perfect setting for this important gathering. The Church, too, was redolent with history dating back, as it did, to 1860, and claiming as its ministers Rev. Principal McVicar, LL.D., Rev. A. B. Mackay, D.D., Rev. John Mackay, Rev. R. W. Dickie, D.D., Rev. J. A. Montgomery, D.D., and the present pastor, Rev. David Scott, M.A., B.D. Here, for over four days, representatives from the Atlantic to the Pacific held intercourse with one another and walked reverently in thought along the colonnades of time with those honored missionary foremothers who, in faith, laid the foundations of an organization that was destined to touch every place in Canada and a multitude of people in lands beyond the sea.

In addition to being the 70th anniversary, the gathering was also the official Biennial meeting of the Council and the work of the year had to be presented and business transacted. There were 71 delegates in attendance, 39 from the Provinces, 18 members of the Council Executive, and 14 national and overseas missionaries. In the interest of economy the membership was greatly reduced both from the Provincial Societies and the Council Executive. The seven sessions devoted to business were presided over by Miss MacMurchy, the President. And what a story of achievement the Secretaries had to tell! How we were thrilled at the Treasurer's presentation, for it brought to us a realization of the miraculous power of money and how because it had left our hands, in our lifetime, or had come as a bequest by those who had passed on, the story of the gentle Jesus was being told in many lands and to many people; healing hands were being laid upon the sick; children were being helped; the lonely heartened; and the wistful and bewildered immigrants introduced to the best ideals of Christian citizenship.

Deeply devotional periods marked the opening hours of each morning session. The quiet upper room where we gathered and were led by Mrs. H. R. Horne in Bible study and prayer was to all of us a perfect sanctuary.

There was another service we hold precious—The Noontide Meditation—when Miss Agnes I. Dickson spoke from her heart to ours on Prayer, its place in our lives, what it costs and the power that comes to us as individuals and as a Church by its faithful exercise.

The Service of Remembrance

THIS service was like a golden circlet. We entered it singing ''The Lord's My Shepherd'' and we left it with the beautiful song on our lips

''Take Comfort Christians When Your Friends
In Jesus Fall Asleep.''

It was an hour, not of sadness, but of holy rejoicing for those whom we had lost awhile. As the names were read the audience stood. Then Miss Dickson prayed. In the utter stillness that followed there came like a benediction from the lips of our President, the exquisite tribute prepared by the Council Executive on the death of their beloved Honorary President, the late Mrs. I. C. Sharp, of Montreal. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, from a heart surcharged with memories, spoke of the short but beautiful life of Miss Mildred E. Soutar, R.N., our loved nurse at Amkhut, India. And Mrs. Potter named: the charter members, Board Secretaries, missionary workers, Provincial, Presbyterial and Auxiliary officers who, after many years of faithful work, had passed away, telling briefly of the service each had rendered.

The beautiful closing prayer by the President was one of thanksgiving.

''For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy Name, O Jesus be for ever blessed.
Hallelujah!''

Honored Guests

At appropriate moments interesting introductions took place. The first was Mrs. Duguid, a charter member of the Society organized in 1864, who was conducted to the platform by Mrs. O. R. Campbell, of Montreal, and introduced to the Council by the President and, in token of our esteem, was presented with a nosegay of fragrant flowers, the presentation being made by our beloved veteran Indian missionary, Dr. Margaret O'Hara.

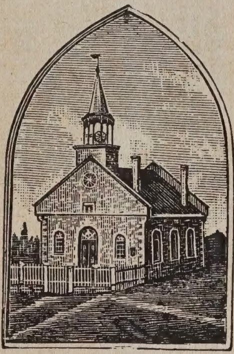
The second guest to be welcomed was Mrs. W. Clark Elliott, the charming President of the Eastern Division of the W.M.S.—A Society justly proud of its history, dating back as it does to 1825. Mrs. Elliott brought warmest greetings and congratulations from the older Society. The burden of her message to us was, ''Keep Christ in the centre of your work and organization and may we of the East and you of the West go forward hand in hand to keep our Church more spiritual and above all, to encourage Bible reading and home religion.''

Miss Mildred Weir, accepted candidate for overseas service, who had jsut won the general proficiency prize in McGill University School for graduate nurses, was introduced by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich and also welcomed.

The Girls' Pageant

NO Council meeting can ever again be complete unless the girls and young women have a definite place on the programme. Their contribution to the 70th anniversary celebration proved that.

What could have been more inspiring than First Presbyterian Church Hall filled to overflowing with young girls! They came to witness the prize pageant ''The Good News'', dedicated to the memory of Miss Mildred Soutar, R.N., and written by the Senior C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, Sask. This was presented by girls' groups of Montreal, under the supervision of Miss O. Mary Hill, assisted by her sister, Mrs. M. Trill, of Montreal. At the close of the last act it was announced that Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Miss Bertha Robson, both of whom had been portrayed in various acts, had been interested spectators. Two real missionaries in their midst provided a thrilling moment for the girls, and when the missionaries rose and said ''We just felt we were in India again'', the love light in the eyes of the hundred girls found expression in round after round of applause in which the entire audience joined. It was a perfect ovation.



St. Gabriel Church

The crowning event was the cutting of the birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Currie, the Auxiliary President, and decorated with 70 candles. The candles were blown out by a granddaughter of Mrs. Duclos, a pioneer worker, and the cake was cut by Miss Mary Campbell, daughter of the late Dr. Robert Campbell, first minister of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, founded in 1786, which formed the foundation of First Presbyterian Church, in which this historic gathering was held.

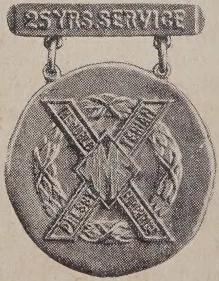
The presentation of prizes provided a happy moment for the young people. The full account of the Prize Pageant will be found on page 237 of the June *Glad Tidings* and the results of the Study Scrap Book Competition for Mission Bands, on page 282, July-August *Glad Tidings.* The prizes for this competition were presented by Mrs. J. W. Dill, former Mission Band Secretary.

Ladies of the Decoration

Miss Bertha W. Robson, M.A.

A VERY beautiful ceremony took place at the evening missionary meeting when Miss Bertha W. Robson, M.A., of Amkhut, India, was presented with a medal for twenty-one years of pioneer service in the Bhil Field, India, and Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A., who served 15 years in South China and 15 among the Chinese in Canada, and Dr. Jessie MacBean, Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, received additional bars to be added to the medals they already possess. The presentations were made by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll. Mrs. Potter, formerly Secretary for South China, received (in absentia) the bar for Dr. MacBean's medal; Miss Dickson hers in person. The most touching moment was when Miss Robson, whose serious illness demanded her return from her beloved India, said in a voice of exceeding sweetness and a lovely smile radiating her face, "I don't know how to thank you! I am overwhelmed, but I must say a big 'Thank You' to those who thought of presenting this to me. I feel ashamed to take it. It is not I who deserve it, it is the Bhil boys and girls."

The addresses by our beloved missionaries, Miss Burdick and Miss McLean, of Formosa, Miss McConnell, of India, Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary for Canada, also extracts from the messages given or sent by every Secretary and worker appear in abbreviated form in this issue.



The Shining Years—Historical Presentation

SEVENTY years of missionary work were dramatized in a colorful historic presentation at Kildonan Hall, Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, on the first evening of the Council meeting. The audience far exceeded the capacity of the auditorium, hundreds being turned away.

''The Shining Years'' was compiled by Mrs. J. D. Holman, Toronto, and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Montreal, and to the latter fell the honor of producing it. The cast was drawn from the Montreal membership in the Society. The principal characters were Joan, which was taken by Catherine M. Seaton, and Joan's mother, played by Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of Montreal Presbyterial.

The first tableau depicted the Society from Senior Auxiliaries to Mission Bands. Noted missionaries and representatives of the races among whom they labored, all in native costume, appeared—Isabel McConnell with India, Alma Burdick with Formosa, Jean McLean with Koreans in Japan, Agnes Dickson with China, and Jean Herman with Chinese in Canada.

The history of the Society was told by the Spirits of the Past (1864, 1876, 1898, 1914, 1934).

In the final scene the Spirit of War, played by Miss Pelton, and the Spirit of Peace, by Miss Ruth Buchanan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Amkhut, India, contended for the allegiance of youth—Peace having on her side the Spirit of Missions, Spirit of China, Spirit of India, Spirit of Japan, Spirit of Africa, an Ojibway Chief, a French Canadian, a Hungarian, a Ukrainian, an Italian—a beautiful little child played beside the Spirit of Peace.

Engraven on our memory is the picture of the eight little Chinese children singing ''Jesus loves the little children of the World'', and the African girl who with a hauntingly sweet voice came in singing ''Lord I want to be a Christian in my Heart'', and the closing tableau when all gathered round the lighted Cross, held high by the Spirit of Peace and the Spirit of Missions.

The entire presentation was a great conception and a magnificent achievement.

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Coming out of the hall a little girl was heard to say: ''Mother, if there were more things like that play, we would know more about missions.''

The President's Message

THE Council drew to a close but ere the curtain fell on the 70th anniversary celebration the President spoke to us, not of the glories of the past nor the achievements of the present but of ''The Undone Work of the Women's Missionary Society''—of our responsibility to the

Jews and Chinese in Canada; the immense undone work among the students and the need of keeping close to these young people; the call for residences and hospitals, small units, on all our frontier fields; deaconesses to do work among the Indians on the reserve and Indian girls trained as deaconesses; the cultivation of the desire of the young women for missionary education; providing Christian literature for our French-speaking fellow citizens and new Canadians and for our fields overseas; more missionaries for our overseas fields; 25,000 or more subscribers to *Glad Tidings*; radio talks on missions, as they have in Shanghai; more money, for work cannot be built on imaginary funds; and a spirit of cheerfulness to dispel the cloud of gloom over finances; and greatest of all—Prayer.

The President also urged the members to support Peace, the League of Nations, the Disarmament Conference; the Bible Society, and to stand behind and not criticize the ministers of our Church who are the representatives of Jesus Christ.

The following quotations were given as a closing thought:

> ''This is the great danger for our Church: to know better than Christ, to fulfil His task with our social programmes, in our missionary activity, in our art of preaching and teaching, in our theological formulas, and to forget that He is the Master and Lord to whom we owe obedience before we go to work out our sublime moral and social and religious programmes.''
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> ''And here we have come to the last point, to the only real danger zone for an Evangelical Church, namely, to the nature of man, to our own pride, our personal selfish aims; our worldliness camouflaged with pious words, noble purposes, correct theology. This, and only this, is the real menace both for our faith in Christ and for our Protestant fellowship. And the sole defence against this daily menace is a daily repentance, a daily new surrender, a continuing prayer: Lord strengthen our faith.''

''Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God?''

''O may no earth born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.''

Earnest prayer was offered by Miss C. E. Cameron, President of Quebec Provincial Society, the benediction was pronounced and the Seventieth Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada passed into history.

Exhibits

An interesting anniversary feature was the Exhibit, which attracted great attention. On very short notice two Montreal ladies kindly agreed to arrange the hundreds of articles relating to our various departments of national and overseas work which were sent in for exhibit. First came the C.G.I.T. display with its emblems, monograms, scrap books, hand work, posters, camp pictures, maps among them the prize map of last year, and other accessories necessary in the conduct of this fine department of girls' work.

In the section devoted to supplies, clearly printed explanatory cards were placed over each display. The Business End of the Department, for instance, had underneath a sample of, ''Supply leaflet of information, Report Forms, Shipping Bills, and Receipt Slips.'' Under ''Deaconess'' articles deaconesses can use in supplying the need of different families. Then followed ''For Hospital Use''; ''A Girl's Outfit''; ''A Boy's Outfit'' (for Indian Schools); quilts for the Reserves, afghans for missionaries; ''Work for Little Fingers''; ''What Girls Can Do''; ''Home Helper's Work'' and ''Thrift Ideas''.

The two Indian Residential Schools had a rich and varied showing of relief maps, drawings, paintings, kindergarten and hand work, beautiful embroidery and the more prosaic aprons and dresses. Colorful embroidery and marvellous fancy work from our Hungarian friends, beautiful and unusual jewellery from India and curios galore from Formosa, provided a most interesting and attractive display.

The educative value of the exhibit repaid the Secretaries for the extra work it entailed.

Courtesies

Before we write finis over this summary we would like to express our gratitude to all who made our sojourn in the beautiful city of Montreal so happy, and for their many delightful hospitalities. If we might, we would single out for special remembrances: (1) the ministers of Knox Crescent, Stanley and Melville Churches, the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul and First Presbyterian, who kindly placed their Churches at our disposal for special anniversary celebrations or social gatherings; (2) Mrs. R. J. Bell, Secretary of arrangements, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty and Mrs. R. D. Smith, and all who so ably assisted them; (3) the Press Secretary, Mrs. W. Grant Stewart and the reporters from *The Star* and *The Gazette*, whose reports were so very fine. —M.C.G.F.

Pension Fund

MRS. D. STRACHAN

THERE are 29 W.M.S. missionaries connected with the Pension Fund of the Church, of these 22 are overseas missionaries and 7 national missionaries.

During the year Miss Anne Senior withdrew from the Fund owing to retirement from our staff, Miss Mildred Soutar was removed by death, Mrs. Ewen MacKenzie was placed on Pension by the Pension Board of the Church, having retired from the work and being over seventy, and Miss Bertha Robson was given a special retiring allowance by the Pension Board of the Church of which the W.M.S. give $300.00 and so is no longer on the Pension Fund. The W.M.S. continue to pay two special retiring allowances to Dr. O'Hara and Miss Parsons.

The rates paid into the Pension Fund by the missionaries in 1933 were $346.46 and the rates paid by the W.M.S. in 1933 were $1,300.75, total rates $1,647.21.

The estimates for 1934 allow $1,900.00 for this Fund, this sum includes the above rates, also balance required to pay Miss Robson's retiring allowance and the two Special Pensions, after deducting the interest on the Pension bonds which now amounts to $950.00 yearly.

Trustees

Mrs. McKerroll, in presenting the Trustees' report, stated that, during the past year, a small house, part of the W.M.S. property in Vegreville, Alta., had been sold. This was the only transfer of property made during 1933.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Organizations

A DECREASE in the returns from Senior Auxiliaries is a call to renewed prayer and effort. If two provinces can show an increase in members, what is to prevent the four others following their example? Many Auxiliaries are carrying on work where there is neither minister nor church service. ''All honor to these brave defenders of the faith!'' said the Secretary, Mrs. D. Gordon, as she pleaded that we share our abundance of Christian and missionary literature with these women, and remember them in our prayers.

The world seemed very much of a neighborhood as the President told how, through the International Department, we have been able to set up close contacts with sister societies in different countries. The World Day of Prayer is another link which is growing very strong in this international sisterhood. This year 700 more letters were received regarding programmes and over $300 more was contributed by the women of Canada on that Day. It is stated that there are 40 million Presbyterians in the world and the International Union represents the women in that number.

Facts and figures were used by Mrs. James Logie, the Secretary, in picturing the origin and growth of the Home Helper's Department. It was begun in 1907, in the Women's Home Missionary Society, under the Presidency of the late Mrs. R. S. Smellie. At amalgamation (1914), the Department was strengthened by the addition of the Scattered Helpers, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which had been organized in 1889, by the late Mrs. John Thorburn, Ottawa. In 1924, Home Helper members numbered 18,488, with givings of $26,446. Since 1914, the Home Helpers have contributed $264,372.11 and thousands have become active members.

''In Mission Band work we judge our successes or failures, not by what we do, but by what our children learn to do, and what we help them to become''. The desire of Mrs. Riddell, the Secretary, is to make 1934, Leaders' Year, and when the Leadership Training course is finished to start a Leaders' Corner in *Glad Tidings.* The success of this will depend on whether the leaders send in practical suggestions and new ideas that have been proved successful. Free leaflets have been prepared with suggestions as to (a) the forming of Beginners' Bands and the work the little ones can do; (b) what boys can do on study days and for the Supply Department; (c) a Leaders' leaflet, suitable for use in all types of Bands; (d) a Flag Ceremony to teach the children loyalty to our Empire and obedience to our laws. The study book is to be the second half of ''Flowers in Far Fields''. In 1933, there were 727 Auxiliaries and 548 Bands. The aim for 1934 is a Band for every Auxiliary, that means 179 new Leaders. There are now 12,637 girls and boys in our Bands. They are our greatest asset, they are our future. Feeling reference was made to the death of Miss Mildred Soutar, the beloved Mission Band nurse, in Amkhut, and the announcement made that Miss Iris Errey is to take her place.

Miss Gray, Secretary of Girls' Organizations, in the message she sent, likened the W.M.S., on this her 70th anniversary, to a householder who brings forth out of her treasure things new and old. While, naturally, she lingers over things old, she asks us to look with kindly interest on things new—the 'teen-age girls—the heirlooms of tomorrow, which since 1926 had increased over 100 per cent. True, all are not alike, but as long as they are stamped with the hall mark of the Master Workman she is satisfied. To meet the present day need wise leadership, leadership training courses and camp experience should be encouraged. This winter the study will be ''Young Japan'' by Mabel Gardner Kerschner. A programme of help has been prepared by Miss Mary Hill. The girls' givings are to be devoted to Miss Ada Adams' kindergarten work among the children of Japan. Miss Gray paid warm tribute to Miss Hill and to all the Girls' Organizations Secretaries for their splendid service.

The four directions in which we must advance if we are to meet changing conditions among the girls were outlined by Miss O. Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary:— (1) adult backing—help but do not criticize; (2) better programme material particularly for rural and untrained leaders, more missionary education on world movements and world outlook; (3) a programme enriched by variety—music, art, handicraft.

Religious education to be the foundation—it is the natural part of all life. The appeal of camp; (4) the training of leaders. Girls' work is done through the medium of personality. ''One loving spirit sets another on fire''.

Miss Nina Yeomans, Quebec Provincial Girls' Work Secretary, struck a note that found an echo in the hearts of her hearers when she said, ''Mary Hill has come into her own and we count her among one of our very special group of workers, and I agree with Miss Hill that Miss Muriel Gray is one of the nice things that goes with Girls' Work.'' Then suddenly she pictured what interdenominational work means saying, ''There is no rivalry. The concern of each denominational group is the concern of the interdenominational group. We are there to be your helpers and to be at your service and not to be competitors.''

''If we are to build the Young Women's Department wisely and well, we must remember that the faith which built our great Socety, is the faith which will sustain it.'' This lofty ideal presented by Mrs. Holman, the Secretary, was followed by such practical statements as ''Our Young Women will respond to the challenge of high ideals if they are rightly presented.'' ''We must seek to understand the difficulties and conditions they are facing today if we are to guide them intelligently. We must rid our minds of outworn ideas if we expect to understand the viewpoint that is theirs.'' ''When asked to speak at their meetings, talk on the work of our Society. This is your opportunity to give them the information which begets enthusiasm and interest.'' In troublous times strong leadership is essential, and Miss Pelton's Leadership course will be the means of solving the problem of leadership because it is giving our young women the urge, not alone for stewardship of possession, of time and of service, but a vision of a great work and a great purpose. They are eager to bring reality to that vision, eager to put into practice the high ideals by which they are inspired.* There is a tremendous field for real service in assisting them to give reality to the ideas which were born at the discussions which followed each lecture and holding our young women. One can picture what the future of the W.M.S. will mean if our young women are equipped to take advantage of the turn of the tide now evident.

Supplies, Library, Lantern Slides, Publications

MRS. FLETCHER, Supply Secretary, paid tribute to the loyalty and resource manifested by our whole membership. As a result of their work our hospitals have received the supplies asked for, our residences have been made comfortable, the children in our Indian schools have been clothed, our deaconesses have been able to relieve distress in our cities and on frontier places. Chinese, Indian, Jewish, Hungarian and

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* See page 309.

Ukrainian children have been made happy with Christmas gifts. Hearts have been cheered by the ''bales of blessing'' provided for mission fields and Indian Reserves, and Santa Claus has visited many homes where he was not expected. Presbyterial Supply Secretaries were urged to get in touch with new branches promptly and give them suitable allocations. The exhibit of the various types of supplies needed, prepared largely by friends in Montreal, was highly commended.

Nothing can be done without the expenditure of money, and Miss Kerr, Library Secretary, feels that if her department is to go forward Auxiliaries and Presbyterials must think out a plan to provide money to carry it on. Secretaries should not be personally responsible for the expense. The department has long lists of names where a monthly magazine would be acceptable. Miss Grigor in the Peace River District says the women plead with her to have their names on these lists. ''A few cents will carry a magazine a long way and you really get more value from the money spent on a postage stamp than anything else.''

The value of the Lantern Slide Department, of which Miss J. F. Lang is Secretary, was emphasized by Mrs. McKerroll, who, in the absence of the Secretary, spoke of the great value of the slides in arousing interest in the work and asked that more interesting and lovely pictures be sent in. This is a service that is greatly appreciated.

Miss Fraser, Editor, took as her slogan, ''Looking Backward and Thinking Forward'', and, as a motto for the anniversary year, the words of Robert Browning, ''The future I may face now I have proved the past.'' She then pictured the five children of the magazine family, from 1884–1934 (the first written by hand) and stated that from Amalgamation, 1914, to 1934, the subscriptions to *The Missionary Messenger* and *The Glad Tidings* totalled 624,159, and the money brought into the Society for the same period from subscriptions amounted to $318,947.99. She urged that we set a new milestone in the History of *Glad Tidings* by getting 25,000 subscribers in 1934, and, greater still, recruit new interest especially among the young people.

''The great need of our members today,'' said Mrs. Ballantyne, ''is missionary education. They must read more and know more of the relations of missions to world problems if they are to shake off the placidity and indifference so evident in many people today, and save the world by Christianity. Knowledge alone can accomplish this. Enthusiasm must be fed by active thoughts, active interest and holy zeal. Only thus can we carry the inspiration of these 70 years to our W.M.S. branches.'' The Birthday Programme and a historical booklet have been prepared for this purpose, also ''Fellow Citizens'', the new Auxiliary study book. ''Young Japan'' is to be the study book for Girls' Organizations. ''Flowers in Far Fields'' will be continued for Mission Bands.

Mrs. McKerroll emphasized the necessity of having the historical records of our Society preserved, and urged that all such be sent to Miss M. M. Reid, Historian.

Candidates, Students, Field Secretaries

QUITE a new thought was dealt with by Mrs. D. I. Grant, Candidates' Secretary, in the message she sent to the Council. It was the problem of maintaining the interest of overseas applicants of 21 years of age until they are 25. Missionaries on furlough and on the field think 25 years should be the minimum, and that every girl owes it to herself and to her future to live a normal girl's life until that age. It was also emphasized that only those with an evangelistic urge can be happy and helpful in service abroad. Living is unusual, social life limited and the missionary must gather most of life's joy from service. The greatest need at present is for two medical women, one for Formosa, the other to minister to Korean women and children in Japan.

Student work is being broadened to include men as well as women students and those attending normal school and collegiate, as well as the university. How best to welcome the incoming students and give them the feeling that somebody of their own denomination would like to be friendly is a local problem and the advice sent by the Secretary, Mrs. Calvin, was, ''use your imagination, and if one method fails, try another. The wise way is to bind the students to the Presbyterian Church by the silken cords of kindness and understanding.''

In place of the usual set address Miss Pelton and Miss Lamont followed an entirely new plan. They took up the problems of membership and programmes and, by means of questions and answers, made a general survey. With candor they discussed the decrease of Senior Auxiliaries. They diagnosed the cause of the decrease as due to wrong basis of membership, financial stringency, pride and embarrassment, lack of interest and definite purpose, local-mindedness, claims of local churches on time and energy, the charms of other women's organizations with their social atmosphere and more appealing programmes, and an inadequate view of the Church's work.

The prescription they suggested was: Restatement of basis of membership, do away with membership fee—instead use a card pledging support, and promising to assume responsibility. Create the sentiment that money is not the only contribution a member can make. Get an adequate view of the Church's task, have graded programmes, well prepared and marked by variety, and cultivate a friendly attitude.

This fearless and clever facing of a situation was one of the most effective presentations given at the Council and held the undivided interest of those present.

OUR NATIONAL WORK

A RECORD of cheer exactly describes the story of our hospitals as told by the Secretary, Mrs. Poole. South Porcupine had a 60 per cent. increase and is now a fourteen bed instead of a ten bed hospital. Canora rejoices in reduced expenditure and better collections. Much of the credit of this is due the capable Superintendent. A large ward, closed for 3 years, has been reopened, as 30 patients were in constantly. Miss Cuddy has worked out a flat rate plan for maternity cases in the general wards which will enable women in the district to receive hospital service. This has met with the hearty approval of the Council Executive and the local doctors. Conditions in Vegreville are equally bright.

The need for our School Residences has not yet passed. They are a boon to students having to leave their homes to receive part or all of their education, and a great comfort to the mothers, who know that their children are under the supervision of such splendid women as the Superintendents of our homes at Vegreville (2), Prince Albert, Sask., New Liskeard, Ont., and Huntingdon, Que. Mrs. Poole, the Secretary, cited numerous instances where parents of children who attended the Residences several years ago are trying to repay what they owe, in money or in produce. Later, the Council extended congratulations to Miss Agnes McKee, on completing her 20th year as matron of the Girls' Residence, Vegreville, Alta., voicing their appreciation of her faithful and efficient services.

The problems which arise in the work among the Indians were shown by Mrs. McKerroll to be due to a great degree to their home training, for the Indians are communistic, migratory, primitive and patriarchal. The children naturally find adjustment hard and as one Indian boy quaintly expressed it, ''cleanliness seems an awful trouble to yourselves.'' Supplies of clothing are very acceptable, and the children love quilts and greatly enjoy choosing them. The main idea of the W.M.S. is to develop the spiritual side of the children. At the last communion the two children of the medicine man were baptized. As a result of our work among these people we now have Indian Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups.

Mrs. McMullen paid tribute to the late Miss R. R. Scott, voluntary port worker, who had gained the respect of all officials and had established a place for herself and our Church in Quebec. Her death removes one of our very finest workers. Although there are fewer newcomers, there is a large work for the deaconesses among the people now here. The Jewish, Hungarian and Ukrainian work is most satisfactory. These people are loyal in their church service and give what they are able. All Auxiliaries were urged to appoint Welcome and Welfare Secretaries.

MISS IRIS MUNRO

Miss Iris Munro, port worker at Montreal, stated that, ''While immigration work is greatly lessened, it is not completely stopped. The immigration office at Quebec has been closed and the port staff at Montreal increased to five. Meeting the trains is still necessary. Many a doll, a puzzle or even a humble wash cloth have paved the way for the worker in making a contact with these people who do not speak our language but do understand the language of the kind act, the kind word and a smile.'' ''There is,'' she said, ''room in Canada for those of other lands, but let us not forget those already here who need us.'' She also paid high tribute to her beloved co-worker, the late Miss R. Scott, Quebec.

The Chinese in Canada number 55,000 and since 1925, only 6 new Chinese have entered the Dominion. On the other hand there is a native born population and this forms the most important phase of our work. Hundreds of girls born in Canada are growing into womanhood and, in consequence, new homes are being set up and family life, so long absent from the Chinese in Canada, is becoming common. W.M.S. work among these people shows marked progress. The kindergartens have 175 pupils. There are also Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups. In the opinion of the Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Wood, ''the work among the young is the most important of all.''

The work among the Chinese would have been incomplete without a message from our beloved Miss Dickson. Briefly she told of the 2,750 Chinese in the Province of Quebec, the 2,000 in Montreal, the 43 women, 11 of them professing Christians, and the kindergarten of 35 children. She considers that our first duty to our missionaries is prayer.

Mrs. J. Herman, for 5 years a teacher among the Chinese, spoke of her love for the little children and Miss Hattie Jue thanked the Council for their interest and prayers for the Chinese women and children. Miss K. Reid, a worker among the Chinese in Ottawa, spoke briefly.

OUR OVERSEAS WORK

WORK among the Koreans in Japan shows advance in every department. Many new Christian groups have been formed, Women's Missionary Societies have grown to 30 with a membership of 657. Out of their poverty these women give liberally to help struggling groups and to pay Bible women. There are now 7 kindergarten schools with an enrollment of 235. The two facts stressed in the message sent by the Secretary, Mrs. N. H. MacGillivray, were: the evident readiness of the Koreans to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ and the crying need of a medical missionary for the city of Osaka.

''Our first responsibility to Formosa,'' said Mrs. Martin, the Secretary, ''is Prayer and our second, financial support. Pray that the missionaries on the field may be given strength and the ability to give to others the true teachings of Christ, and that new appointees, whatever their special qualifications, may be, above all, evangelists. This is important in view of the urgent need for two evangelists, a doctor and a nurse. Pray also for our institutions—the Women's School, Girls' School, Kindergartens, and nurses' department in the Hospital, and give thanks for our W.M.S. missionaries who though engaged for specialized work as teachers or nurses have one objective—missionary work. Miss Adams, who obtained her degree of B.Sc. at Columbia University, has returned to Formosa with high hopes of establishing a Kindergarten Training School which will link together the Church, the homes, and our 7 kindergartens with their 300 pupils, and develop a wide field of usefulness for the Christian graduates of the Girls' School. The financial depression in the homeland has resulted in a decided inclination on the part of the Native Church to become self-supporting. In 1933, a maternity ward was added to the Mackay Memorial Hospital and an addition to the Girls' School. This was financed out of the Formosa Forward Movement Fund. A Kindergarten Teachers' Training School would be of great value to the work. The attitude of the Japanese to our work and workers is friendly and the present opportunities are great. In the Straits Settlements there are 1,000,000 Chinese who speak the same dialect of the Chinese language as do the Formosans. The servant classes in the Philippines are also Amoy speaking Chinese. We look forward to the day when Chinese Christian workers will go to these islands with the gospel which they have heard through our W.M.S. workers.

''Without any urging from the missionaries every native teacher in the 'Helen Macdonald' School, Jhansi, India, is now carrying on Sunday School work among non-Christians outside the compound, after their own regular Sunday School. This, and their request for extra Bible training, is the result of gradual spiritual growth and is a direct answer to our prayers that the India Christians would be missionaries in their own land.'' Mrs. McMurrich, the Secretary, asked for special prayer for those who believe but, for fear of persecution, are holding back from baptism, also for the spirit of discernment in dealing with enquirers that they may recognize those who are really seeking salvation and have no ulterior motive—such as obtaining a situation or getting an education. The present call is for a missionary with special training for evangelistic work. When the Training Home and Maternity Wing at Jobat Hospital are ready there will doubtless be a call for more nurses. Anniversaries are times of reviewing the past and looking into the future and the question the Secretary left with us was whether, as a direct result of our W.M.S. work in India, we shall ever see the graduates of our schools in Amkhut and Jhansi come to Canada for their intensive training and our outgoing missionaries studying the language here before they cross the seas. It may sound impossible today but not more so than the radio would have sounded 70 years ago.

Rev. David Marshall, who is investigating conditions in British Guiana for the Board of Missions of our Church, and our Council Executive, says, ''our work here is in a transitional period . . . but we hope that before the end of the year everything will be in order.'' The recommendation of Mrs. Rice, the Secretary, was that when this happens ''we send a principal for the Girls' High School, Berbice, and two thoroughly qualified, earnest, consecrated evangelistic deaconesses, to work among the women and children.''

Dr. Jessie MacBean has virtually started a new work in Hackett Medical College by establishing public health clinics. The students in this institution are ''out and out for Christ''. The only minor note discernable in the story sent by Miss M. M. Reid, Secretary for China, was that because of uncertainty of life and property in Manchuria no W.M.S. missionaries could be sent out at present. A grant of money, however, helps to support short term classes for women evangelists which Mrs. Davis conducts.

Council Business

Special Campaign Fund. Mrs. Strachan presented the report of the Special Campaign Fund, showing receipts to date: $16,624.90; expenditures: $764.21, leaving a balance on hand of $15,860.69.

Mrs. Strachan also presented a report from Council Executive dealing with the question of the continuance of the gold boxes for W.M.S. work, and outlined a plan based on replies received from Provincials.

Agreed: 1. ''That no payment should be made until the Campaign is completed and that it be used only toward the liquidation of the accumulated Church deficit reported at the end of 1932, *viz.*: $184,000.00.''

2. ''That the Special Campaign Fund close in Auxiliaries and all branches on December 31st, 1934.''

The question *re* continuing the copper scheme for a special objective was referred to a Special Committee who later reported as follows:

1. Should less than $25,000 be received, agreed to recommend that the sum raised be made up to $25,000.
2. Should more than $25,000 be raised, agreed to pay in $25,000 to the Church after reimbursing the Fund for expenses incurred and report any surplus to Provincials for their consideration at their annual meetings.
3. Re continuance of gold boxes:

   Recommend, that on December 31st, the use of these boxes be discontinued for the present in all branches, but that the boxes be carefully preserved.

   That before the meeting of Provincial Societies the Finance Com-

> mittee of Council send out to Provincials definite information on the continuance of the boxes and the object for which the money might be raised, so that those who use the boxes may have the details of the Scheme.
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> The Committee recommend, that this money is to be used for W.M.S. work only and are of the opinion that the Pension Scheme, as outlined by the Convener, would be satisfactory to our women with proper explanations. All details to be left to the Committee of Council Executive.

Each recommendation was discussed. Agreed: ''That this report as presented be adopted.''

Estimates for 1935. Set at $160,000.

Provincial Allocations. Same policy to be continued.

Additional Young Women's Travelling Secretary. Recommended: ''That the Council Executive feels that the time has come to separate the Young Women's field work from the ordinary Field Secretaryship of the Society, and to this end would recommend that Miss Pelton, because of the contact she has made, be set apart for this work, and that in future, Auxiliaries be asked to observe this; the understanding being that this does not preclude the ideas of rallies and Presbyterial annual meetings, and because of what we have learned of the present and future needs of the Young Women's work, and because of their tremendous importance to the Society, we would recommend seeking the services of a young woman for follow-up work among the young women, Miss Pelton to make the first contact.'' And ''that Miss S. V. Scott, of Calgary, be appointed as Young Women's worker for one year.''

Agreed: ''That we heartily endorse the action of the Council Executive in appointing a second Secretary to do follow-up work in the young women's work.''

Printing the Constitution. Moved, ''That the Constitution be printed in the Annual Report and that separate copies be run off to be placed in the Publications office to be sold.''

Amendment. ''That 1,000 copies of the Constitution be printed apart from the Blue Book, these to be sold at a minimum cost.'' Amendment carried by 4 votes.*

Honorary Membership. Agreed section 4, page 221, of 1931 Annual Report read, ''Honorary Membership is secured by the payment of $100 at one time.''

Auxiliary Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. Agreed these be omitted from the Annual Report.

Printing Names of Life Members. Agreed: ''Names be not printed in *Glad Tidings* this year, but that the Council Executive carefully consider this and when it can be afforded, again present the question.''

Tabulated Forms. ''Recommendation referred to Council Executive for completion.''

Board of Trustees. Mrs. Donald's resignation leaves a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Agreed: ''This be left to Council Executive to fill.''

Next Biennial Meeting. Arrangements left to Enlarged Council Executive.

Officers. The officers of the Council Executive 1934-35 appear on inside cover of this issue.

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* The Council Executive found, on further investigation, that the cheapest and most satisfactory arrangement was to include the Constitution in the Annual Report, and from it run off separate copies for sale. This plan was submitted to all the Provincials and met with their approval.

Notice of Motion was given for any changes that may be necessary in the Constitution and By-laws during the ensuing year.

Special Greetings. Agreed: ''That a message be sent from this Historic Council Meeting to all our workers in Canada and abroad and to our sister society in Formosa.''

Auditing Treasurer's Books. The attention of all Treasurers was again directed to the clause in the Constitution which calls for the auditing of the Treasurer's books in all branches. This is an infallible rule in the business world and should be observed by all who handle the funds of the W.M.S.

—M.C.G.F.

The Place of Our W.M.S. in Our Church Life in Canada

Miss P. B. Lamont

THE Women's Missionary Society is an organization within the Church not outside the Church. It recognizes the allegiance to the Church first and its representatives share with the men on the Assembly's General Board of Missions in planning to carry out the missionary activities of the Church. Our Motto is ''The World for Christ'', our aim: ''to unite the women and children of the Church in prayer and service for advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, at home and abroad.'' Our purpose is, through organization and education to disseminate missionary information, for support depends upon interest and interest upon knowledge. ''Our Presbyterian Church stands for missions, on this our Church was built and in carrying out its policy it has assumed responsibility for certain work at home and abroad in which our W.M.S. shares.

In the work in the overseas fields we provide and maintain single women, who, in cooperation with the married women and men are carrying on the Church's work in all our fields. In the homeland the Church's policy is to establish religious ordinances in every settlement and work among new Canadians within our gates. One-fifth of our population is not of British origin or descent.

Our contribution includes:

(a) Deaconesses in rural sections and cities who help to strengthen our home base by holding Sunday services, organizing Sunday Schools, doing pastoral work, visiting the homes, distributing relief.

(b) Among our Chinese population of 55,000 we have 175 children in kindergartens, 41 girls in Girls' Organizations and many Sunday Schools and classes. With the growing to maturity of native Chinese women, many new homes are being established and our representatives are doing much, through visitation, to help these people establish Christian homes.

(c) Indians. The Church is responsible for the work among the Indians on 5 reserves, 284 children are under our care and getting not only a secular education but industrial and religious training as well in our three schools.

(d) Hospitals. Our hospitals also react on Church life, for there the gospel is interpreted in terms of practical service, racial barriers are broken down and friendly relations established.

(e) School Residences. The greatest asset of any country is its children. In these Residences we are taking care of children who are away from home, enabling them to get an education and surrounding them with Christian influence.

(f) Supplies. Practical Christianity is here shown to those who feel the burdens of life almost too heavy to be borne.

(g) The sending of literature and libraries to churches, construction camps and new settlers is a most important part.

Educational Programme

Before we can have missionaries, interest must be aroused through knowledge of the needs and the opportunity for service. Some one has said we must first learn and know, then we will give and go. Our educational programme provides Bible study and study of our own work and the needs of people of other lands.

We have about 50,000 W.M.S. women, young women, girls and children within our Church, giving their support and their prayers to every phase of Church work.

Through the Special Campaign Fund we are giving $25,000 in 2 years to meet the Church's needs.

We are proud of our Society, proud of our opportunity for service, but are we humbly proud of the privilege we have had of being co-workers with God in extending the Kingdom of God both at home and abroad?

The Huntingdon School Residence

MRS. A. C. GOULDTHORPE

HUNTINGDON School Residence was opened in 1928, with 15 pupils. Every year the number increased, until 1932, when the peak was reached, there being 28 pupils in attendance. During the six years we have had 130 boys and girls with us. Of these, ten have completed their junior matriculation, others are working to complete it, 11 have been with us four and five years, and one boy is just now completing his sixth year in the Residence. The pupils who have graduated are filling places of responsibility; some of the girls are teaching, others are training as teachers or nurses, and one of the boys is teaching in Macdonald College.

This year we have 17 pupils, 8 girls and 9 boys, ranging in age from ten to nineteen. Three are preparing for matriculation. In former years all the pupils from the Residence who took these examinations, passed; we hope that this year the good record will not be broken.

These boys and girls come from different parts of Canada. Two are from Prince Edward Island, 1 from Stanley, N.B., 1 from Kitchener, Ont., 2 from Fort Coulonge, Que., 1 from St. Andrew's East, Que., 1 from Ottawa, 5 from Montreal and 4 from the surrounding country. Those from cities and towns where there are good schools, are bereft of one or both parents; and their guardians are pleased to have them where they will have not only a good school but a home where they will be cared for.

We have endeavored to carry out the policy of the W.M.S. Executive and provide not only for the training of their minds but also for their moral and spiritual well being. Every Sabbath we attend divine services in St. Andrew's Church. The older boys are members of Dr. Maclean's Bible class. The girls are all in Sunday School classes, and belong either to the C.G.I.T. or Mission Band.

In the daily life in the Residence, all have their special tasks to perform. They set the tables and take turns in waiting on them, piling the dishes, making their beds, keeping their rooms tidy and basins and bath tubs clean. The boys soon become adept in bed-making.

The study-hours—from 7-10.30 p.m.—are supervised. The younger children recite their lessons and retire at 8.30. The older pupils finish their tasks about 10 o'clock. On Friday nights they are allowed to attend social affairs, but must be in at 11 p.m., unless special permission has been granted. All the pupils join in the sports at school.

The Auxiliaries have been very kind and thoughtful, sending us supplies of linen and bedding. The piano is very much in use by the older girls, also the Encyclopædia and the Book of Knowledge which help to solve many of the problems that constantly arise in their studies.

Our Formosa Garden

MISS ALMA BURDICK

LIKENING Formosa to a garden richly gifted by nature and productive, Miss Burdick spoke of the people who lived there—the aborigines, the Japanese and the Formosans. There are 2,000,000 in the north for whom our Church is responsible,—the 2,000,000 in the south are ministered to by the English Presbyterian Church. Many are idol worshippers, opium smokers and believers in polygamy and evil spirits. If it were not for supernatural help from above, this soil could not be prepared for the spiritual seed the missionaries are seeking to sow.

Sowing the seed and tending the plants is done in our institutions—the Mackay Memorial Hospital, the Leprosy Colony, 4 Schools, 7 Kindergartens, Churches, preaching halls, and through evangelistic work.

Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor was the first to do anything for leprosy. Eight years ago he opened a clinic in connection with the hospital, and before receiving treatment patients had to go to the chapel service. He had a dream of a Leprosy Colony and was allowed to go round the world in the interest of this work. In March, he saw his dream fulfilled. The W.M.S. contributed $5,000 for the chapel for this colony. It is the centre of the buildings as it is hoped to be the centre of the hearts of the people.

In the Girls' School, Tamsui, there are over 120 pupils. The Women's School, with its two years' course of training for Bible women, is growing so popular that women sacrifice to come.

Evangelistic work is being carried on in rural districts by the evangelistic band and by the 4 W.M.S. Bible women. Illustrations were given of some of the flowers that are being saved in Formosa, of the old lady who tells the story of Jesus to the patients in the hospital, the young woman, who holds office in the Formosa W.M.S., and addresses the student body at the mid-week Church service. There are great hopes for future blossoms—workers to go to inaccessible places.

Miss Burdick said that during her itinerary in Canada she had been struck with the reticence in prayer, particularly in the Auxiliaries, and she emphasized Miss Dickson's statement, that the ability to pray comes from praying. She asked the W.M.S. to launch forth in its 71st year by praying for greater power in prayer and go forward and occupy Till He Come. Her farewell word as she left the meeting on her return journey to Formosa was one of gratitude for the kindness she had received and a request for our prayers.

Why Go Back to India?

Miss Isabel McConnell

MANY times in the past months people have asked me—

1. Are you going back to India?
2. Why do you want to bury yourself in that God-forsaken country?
3. Is there not work for a person like you at home?

Having been asked these questions so often, I began to ask myself—

1. Why *do* I want to go back to India?
2. What shall I do when I return there?
3. Are lives going to be touched because of my being there?

The answer to my questions came in the words of Jesus spoken to His disciples— ''As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.''

Deeply as the words must have impressed the disciples, there can be little doubt that their implication was not fully grasped. The crisis through which they had passed was so recent, and the events of the resurrection so astounding that the disciples were unable to appraise the full meaning of that announcement. Can it be true that Jesus, standing in the authority of His resurrection power says to them, *and to us*, ''My task is your task, my calling is your calling?'' We can read here Christ's call thus:

''I send *you* to fulfil that high purpose for which the Father sent me.'' That purpose has been described by Jesus Himself in unforgettable words, ''The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.'' His goal was the cross with all the redemptive energies it was to release upon a lost world. It was from the cross of self-emptying that He could claim a task completed, and a world redeemed.

There is for His followers an identity of purpose. We are to seek and save the lost, yet not by the sacrifice of a Cross, but by the gift of pouring out of life. Amid the varied tasks which have been wrongly classed as secular and religious, we must test ourselves by applying this implication—are we seeking and saving that which is lost?

The division of missionary activity into medical, evangelistic, educational, industrial; the strenuous efforts being made towards specialization within these departments, necessary and advisable though they are, make it doubly incumbent on us that we examine ourselves and our work, with the supreme purpose of Christ for His followers.

It is a Christ-like task to heal a sick body, to educate a mind, to train a mechanic, but the peril lies here, that we can do all these things and never ''seek the lost'' in the way Jesus meant. Definite evangelistic effort in institutional work is sometimes in danger of being crowded out by the multiplicity of other claims.

Spiritual power from on high will come to the Church of India not primarily through wider union or more perfect organization, or even through self-support, but as she gives herself with all her mind and soul to the fulfilment of that high calling in Christ Jesus, the seeking and saving the lost.

Not only did Jesus send His disciples, but He gave them the enabling power to go forth. He does not ask any of us to go forth without the same enabling.

I have been inspired as I have gone through the different Auxiliaries of our W.M.S. Inspired to go back to India with a new outlook, a wider vision of what a missionary ought to be and a deeper desire to ''seek and save that which is lost''.

The five and a half years in India were five and a half of the happiest I have known. Going out as a young missionary, full of zeal and enthusiasm—I was going to do marvels. It did not seem to me that India could have anything to teach me. But I am thankful for the lessons learned and especially thankful to Miss Robson for all she meant to me as a young missionary.

Work Among the Koreans in Japan

MISS JEAN C. MCLEAN

WORK among Koreans began in 1915. A few years later the Federated Council of Missions in Korea undertook responsibility for the work, supporting 2 pastors and, in 1927, 3 pastors. In 1927, our Church was invited to take up work among the Koreans in Japan and that same year Rev. L. L. Young was appointed superintendent of our work there in co-operation with the work of the Federated Council of Missions.

If we look at the 1933 statistical report we will see how wonderfully God has prospered the work. There are now 45 organized Churches, 18 prayer meeting places, 10 pastors and 18 Bible women at work. There are 7 kindergartens, an increase of 500 Sunday School scholars, 500 increase in Christian community and 30 W.M.S. Auxiliaries. Self support is emphasized and each year the Churches are making larger contributions.

There are many thousands of Koreans living in Japan. They came expecting to make money but find themselves still very poor and doing most menial labor. The work which you are carrying on among them is wholly evangelistic, the kindergartens being used as a means of contact with non-Christian homes. The native workers are faithful, enthusiastic and deeply spiritual, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and pointing men and women to our Saviour. One pastor usually has charge of 4 or more Churches.

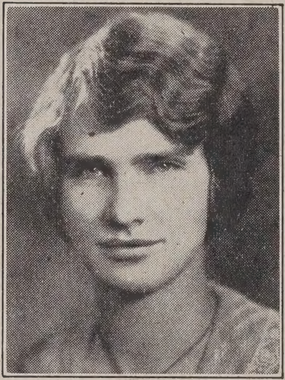
During the year each Church has special evangelistic services and Bible study. We feel that the study of God's Word cannot be stressed too greatly nor the memorization of the Word by the children. When special meetings are held the day always begins with a prayer meeting at 5.30 a.m., from 10-12 there is Bible study and, in the afternoon, visiting in non-Christian homes, with an evangelistic meeting at night.

My kindergarten children number 235. These little ones come from homes where they receive very little training. If you could hear them singing lustily the hymns we all love, hear them recite verse after verse of Scripture, watch them listening intently to the Bible stories, and see their cleaner faces, the result of faithful perseverance on the part of the teachers, you would love them as I do.

The work of the W.M.S. has been most encouraging. They now have a yearly topic card, partially support their own Bible women and are a great blessing to the Church behind which they stand with their prayer and offerings. There is a real work being done among these women and children, but there is also great need of a medical unit, consisting of a western lady doctor and Korean nurse with a dispensary to work in. We need a consecrated young woman who is anxious to use her medical talent as a means of pointing women and children to the Master.

Designated to Work in India

AN impressive service was held in the Presbyterian Church, Arcola, Sask., on Thursday, July 26th, when Miss Ida M. McSparron, B.A., was designated as a missionary to the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, India, under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The service was conducted by the Presbytery of Regina, and was presided over by the Moderator, Rev. S. Farley, M.A. Rev. W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, made the address; Rev. S. Farley gave the charge to the missionary; Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Regina, President of the Provincial W.M.S., presented the missionary for designation; Rev. P. F. McSween, Moosomin, Rev. Frank Kovacs, Bekevar, and Rev. J. Harrison Hill, Regina, also took part in the service.



Miss Ida M. McSparron, B.A.

At the close, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina, first Vice-President of Regina Presbyterial, presented a Life Membership certificate to Miss McSparron, from the Presbyterial; a membership pin from the sub-Executive; and a Bible from the Council Executive of the W.M.S. Rev. J. Harrison Hill presented the missionary with a copy of the scriptures in the Hindi language, the gift of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

After finishing her high school studies at Arcola, Miss McSparron took a three years' course at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and graduated from that institution. She is a graduate in arts of Wheaton College, Illinois, and taught in New York State for a year.

Miss McSparron is the fifth Presbyterian W.M.S. missionary to go to foreign fields from Saskatchewan since 1925. Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., Canora, went to Formosa; those who went to India include: Miss Lily Simpson, R.N., Weyburn; Miss McKechnie, R.N., Valparaiso; and Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., Weyburn.

Dates of Sailings of India Missionaries

Miss Isabel McConnell and Miss Ida M. McSparron will sail from Montreal—*S.S. Duchess of Richmond,* C.P.R. Steamship, September 28th; from London, England—P. & O. Steamship *Strathnaver* (Tourist Class), November 2nd.

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we would come into Thy presence with hearts overflowing with gratitude for Thy guidance and for Thy exceeding goodness to us as a Society during the seventy years of our history. We thank Thee for the women of the past, who on learning of the need answered Thy call to service, and prayed fervently, labored diligently and gave liberally to make Christ known to all nations. We bless Thee for their undaunted spirit and life-long devotion to the cause of missions. Above all, do we thank Thee for those who, throughout these years, have led and inspired the boys and girls and taught them to love and work for what was true and pure and of good report and to follow the example of Jesus who went about doing good. We give Thee most hearty thanks for the missionaries of old and of today, and for all the victories of faith; for the opening of heathen lands to the light of Thy truth and the planting of Thy Church in all the earth. While we glory in the life of selfless devotion of those who have gone before we would pray that we who are now entrusted with this work may meet the new needs of today large heartedly and large mindedly. Remember, we pray Thee, the women of our Auxiliaries, the young women, the girls and little children; the students who are considering the claims of their Church; the newly appointed missionary to India, Miss Ida McSparron; our national and overseas missionaries, and those on their fields or on furlough. ''Give to all of us light to our path, strength to our hearts, and grant us, O Lord, in all our duties, Thy help, in all our perplexities, Thy counsel; in all our dangers, Thy protection; and in all our sorrows, Thy peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour''. Amen.

Lantern Slides

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG

TWO new sets have been added to the list of Lantern Lectures which will be ready by September 15th. They are both on the work among the Koreans in Japan. ''Cherry Blossom Land'', consisting of 26 slides, is suitable for Mission Band and Junior classes; ''Land of the Rising Sun'', 50 slides, is for Senior groups. To Miss Anderson and Miss Jean MacLean, of Japan, we are indebted for these very interesting pictures.

There has been some inconvenience caused by failure to return boxes promptly. In one case it was necessary to telephone long distance, and in other cases several letters have had to be written before the slides were returned. It should be brought to the notice of all using the slides that there is a rule that one dollar per day is imposed for failure to return promptly after the date arranged for. Please enclose this amount if slides are retained after using.

On receipt of the box, please read the typed slip pasted in the cover. You will find there information *re* breakages, etc.

A list of the Lectures with the name of the Provincial Secretaries is given below. **Please keep this for reference.**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA (Lantern Slide Department)

Scenes from the Mission Fields

		No. of slides
1.	Land of the Rising Sun (Japan) (ready September)	50
2.	From Ocean Unto Ocean (Canada)	50
3.	Formosa, Gem of the Orient (Jubilee)	64
4.	Land of Light and Shadow (India) Gwalior	15
	Bhil	16
5.	Little Brown Brother (Canadian Indians)	22
6.	What Our Church is Doing at Home and Abroad	37
7.	Churches and Institutions (Canada)	64
8.	British Guiana	83
9.	Thirty Years in Bhil Land — India	64
10.	Across India and the Gwalior Mission	64
11.	Manchuria, China	45
12.	Japan and the Koreans	86
13.	Formosa	68
14.	Dr. Jessie MacBean (Hackett College, Canton, China)	20

For Junior Groups

1.	Cherry Blossom Land (Japan) (ready in September)	26
2.	Over the Sea to Formosa	24
3.	Happy Days in India	20
4.	Mildred Soutar (Abey Memorial, Amkhut)	20

Any of the above sets may be obtained from the Provincial Secretaries. **There is no charge except the transportation both ways, if returned by first delivery, and the cost of slide in case of breakage.** A brief lecturette is provided with each set, and additional information may be found in the Church publications. Send applications early and please **return promptly.**

Alberta.—Mrs. W. Carmichael, Carstairs.

British Columbia.—Mrs. T. Deas, 16656 W. 10th Ave., Vancouver.

Ontario.—Mrs. A. W. Talbot, 8 Biggar Ave., Toronto.

Quebec.—Mrs. A. W. Lamb, 1477 Fort St., Montreal.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba.—Mrs. G. F. Blair, 2257 McIntyre St., Regina, Sask.

Maritime Provinces.—Mrs. S. W. McCulloch, 664 Prince St., Truro, N.S.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THE new Study Book, ''Fellow Citizens'', is ready for distribution and Provincial Literature Secretaries (with the exception of Ontario), will shortly receive a shipment for distribution. Members are urged to obtain their copies so as to start simultaneously and follow the new study. Do not destroy the old book, ''The Seven Seas of Service'', because there is much in it that will be required for future reference. If groups have not finished it, they are asked to read it through by circulating it among the members, and to start the fall or winter programmes with the new book.

FELLOW CITIZENS—two year Study Book for Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries, based on our work and its relation to world conditions. Price per copy 35c. or $3.50 per dozen when ordered in dozen lots.

YOUNG JAPAN—a Handbook for Leaders, by M. G. Kerschner, together with a series of nine programmes prepared by Miss Mary Hill, for the C.G.I.T. and Girls' Groups. Combined price, 35c.

A GENTLEMAN IN PRISON—by Dr. Caroline Macdonald has been reprinted in paper, 35c.

JAPANESE WOMEN SPEAK, by Michi Kawai and Ochimi Kubushiro, is a very stirring book written by Japanese Christian women to the women of the world. It is eminently worth reading. Price in paper, 60c.

WORLD TIDES IN THE FAR EAST, by Basil Mathews, still remains one of the leading books to have in your home or library for a sane summing up of the world conditions and their solution. Price 60c.

Thank-offering Suggestions:

(See Thank-offering Programme in new Study Book ''Fellow Citizens'')

The Christian's Song of Thanksgiving, leaflet, 3c.
Mrs. Morgan's Quarter, a suitable short story, 3c.
Rejoice in Thanksgiving—a service, sent free.
Not Mine but Thine, another story leaflet, 3c.
Not Omitting the Fourth Stanza, 3c.
The Moments of Her Days, price 3c.
Thanksgiving, another nice story, 4c.

YOUNG WOMEN

OPPORTUNITIES

LAURA K. PELTON

HOLIDAYS are over! Another September; another squaring of shoulders for the year's job. Another year's opportunity to live for God.

Are we feeling physically fit? If we are, is there gratitude within our hearts for that recess during the summer which gave us a new lease on life? If we are enjoying once again a rested body how are we going to use this restored energy during the year ahead? God, our Father! Three words, what do they mean to us? Do they lay any claim on that energy of ours? God is a great economist when it comes to His children's ''spending''; how about it?

Are we mentally refreshed, and re-energized; Has strength put our thinking machine in working order again; If so, what will we think about in those few hours ''off duty'' when we may please ourselves? The autumn is the season of glory as spring is the season of delicate loveliness. In what way can you and I respond to God's Glory in the riotous brilliance of autumn? Is there a potential glory within our minds which God would transform into a radiant reality—*if*—we would do the *kind* of thinking which is worth transforming? God, our Father! Three words, what do they *do* to us? Are we going to put our minds to work for Him this year, really, honestly to work, with a realization (that is possible when minds are refreshed) of the need, the urgency, the compelling importance of that work?

Have the rest, the change for a little, from what we had been doing, to what we did, have they brought us any fresh revelation of God? If they haven't, oh, what a pity, wherein did we evade Him, or escape Him? If they have, oh if they have, how will we use this something more of Himself which has come? Will we shut it up and lose it; or will we give it, use it, put it to work and thus save it?

Supposing in some particular hour this summer we have caught another, or a different glimpse of the Absoluteness of God's Goodness, and because He is Goodness we have seen that He cannot be God and *not* be terribly, disturbingly grieved about Sin. If that came to us, how shall we use such a shaken spirit as must be ours?

Or behind a well behaved motor engine, in a moment on the water, a day in the woods, while talking with a worth while comrade did we become aware in some fresh, new, compelling way of Christ, as Lord of our body, our mind, our will, our money, of *all* that we are and have? Did a sermon stir us uncomfortably, and in that uncomfortableness did we learn something more about God?

God our Father! Did He break through in any new way to us? or become more real on a path which we had walked before with Him? If He didn't, it was not His fault. If He did, then He is watching, as only a righteous, just, and loving Father can watch, for us to make haste and with that fresh "whisper" within our spirit, put the revelation to work for His all pervading purpose in the world today.

Another year's opportunity to live for God.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

GIRLS AND LEADERS

"The Road to Old Japan! You cry,
    And is it far or near?
Some never find it till they die;
    Some find it everywhere.
The Road where restful time forgets
    His weary thoughts and wild regrets,
And calls the golden year
    Back in a fairy dream to smile
    On young and old a little while."
        —Alfred Noyes, *The Flower of Old Japan.*

A TRAVEL Service or a Bureau of Information might be arranged for the opening meeting of your girls' group. Ask two or three members to be responsible for the booth. The map and flag of Japan should decorate the wall, also some pictures of the country and posters announcing "You'll enjoy Japan", "Going Places and Doing Things in the Land of the Cherry Blossom", and "Sightseeing Tours and Visits to Points of Interest". Those in charge should be prepared to answer questions regarding different routes, ports of call and facts about Japanese money.

On the counter should be arranged the official guide book for 1934-35: *Young Japan,* by Mabel Gardner Kerschner, together with the road map: *Exploring Japan*—nine programme trails—by O. Mary Hill. Combined price 35c. The new W.M.S. Affiliation Service, also by Miss Mary Hill, should be exhibited with the accompanying poster. Then a copy of a Japanese play would not be amiss, perhaps *Adoption, The Purple Iris* or *Alice through the Postcard.* There is a model of a *Japanese house and garden* to be procured which might suggest housekeeping in the flowery kingdom and also occupation for a future meeting of your group. The new set of lantern slides, "Land of the Rising Sun", now ready, and showing fifty views of interest, might be advertised as a travelogue or sightseeing tour since Fuji Yama—the sacred mountain—many famous temples, and Yomeimon Gate—The Passing Day Gate—are shown, as well as scenes connected with the mission work of the Church and W.M.S.

Personal cards of introduction to the various missionaries might be given, in particular to Miss Ada Adams, the kindergarten teacher whom so many of last year's campers recall with pleasure. She is to be the girls' own missionary throughout this year. Ask them to think of her often, to remember her in their prayers and give their offerings in support of her work among the children of Japan.

* All suggested material may be obtained from the Publications Department of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

News of Summer Camps

At every summer camp the girls' imagination was stirred and their thoughts carried away to some distant land of romance, contrast and opportunity by the visit from the representative of the W.M.S.

In British Columbia, Miss Catherine Moodie, from Jhansi, India, took the girls to her field. At the Huntingdon Summer School, Quebec, Miss Jean MacLean made Japan a new reality to her listeners. Ontario's numerous camps were privileged to have a visit from some one of the following: Mrs. C. W. Maitland, formerly of India; Miss Jean MacLean, Japan; Miss Marion Williamson, India; and Miss Margaret Ramsay, Formosa.

Through the hospitality of the Ontario Girls' Work Board and the cooperation of the W.M.S. the Misses Katie Wong and Jessie Jang attended the C.G.I.T. Camp at Vail's Point as Oriental representatives. This was a particularly striking feature in World Fellowship since Katie Wong left with her family for China almost immediately upon her return from camp. With her went the best wishes of the campers and their greetings to the Chinese Girls in Training.

Glen Mohr Junior Girls' Camp had as special guests two New Canadians who contributed their gift of varied experience and age long tradition.

—M.J.G.

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* For use of Lantern Slides, communicate with Provincial Lantern Slide Secretary.

''Now, God be thanked, Who has matched us with His hour,
And caught our youth, and wakened us from sleeping,
With hand made sure, clear eye, and sharpened power,
To turn, as swimmers into cleanness leaping,
Glad from a world grown old and cold and weary.''

—Rupert Brooke.

MISSION BANDS

MISSION BAND WORK BEGINS AGAIN

My dear Mission Banders:

SEPTEMBER is here again, you are all starting back to school and will not have as much time to play in the lovely out-of-doors as you have had. As autumn comes and changes the gardens around your homes you can gather at Mission Band and think of your missionary gardens in other lands.

Some of you, I know, have been thinking about your garden in Amkhut, India, and about the little children in the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' there. You have been wondering who has been taking care of the babies since our dear Miss Soutar died.

The children have been well looked after, two Indian women acted as nurses for the babies and our other missionaries supervised the work.

The Council Executive have now appointed Miss Iris Errey to be your own Mission Band missionary as she is now in charge of your Children's Nursing Home and your little brown babies. Miss Errey lived in Galt, Ontario, before she went to India in September, 1932. She is a graduate nurse so she well knows just what to do for the little children when they are ill.

Your pennies, as you know, furnished this home and have always supported it and now Miss Errey is to be your very own nurse. She has written a letter of greeting to you, and has sent it from far-off India by air mail so that you would have it by September.

I know you will not forget Miss Soutar but you will all be pleased and happy to know that Miss Errey is to be your very own missionary.

With loving greetings to you all

Your sincere friend,
BEATRICE K. RIDDELL.

THE FIRST MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW MISSION BAND NURSE IN AMKHUT

To the Mission Banders:

Dear Boys and Girls:

A LITTLE while ago I received a letter from Mrs. Riddell saying I was to be your Mission Band nurse in place of dear Miss Soutar, whom, I am sure you all came to know and love through her letters.

It is so good to know that if any of you should take sick you have mothers and daddies to take care of you and to love you, but here in the Children's Home the little ones haven't mothers and daddies, but they do have a Heavenly Father just like you have and this Father loves them so much He has sent this lovely home and someone to take care of them and from day to day provides food and clothing. I'm sure some of you know the way our dear Father provides for the little ones here, but maybe you would like to hear again. God has put a love and desire in the hearts of boys and girls and grown-ups in Canada to pray for our little family here in India and to give money and other gifts and to take time to make things. We have received clothing, quilts, blankets and yes—even toys and pretty scrap books, which some of you know about and have helped make. If you could fully realize the happiness and joy you have brought to your little dark-eyed brothers and sisters I know your hearts would bubble over with happiness and joy too.

Three in a tub—Mungle, Stephen, Sampson.

Now some of these days I am going to give you a visit with our little family. You will have to set sail in an imaginary boat which will travel so very very fast, because you mustn't be away from home too long a time. When you make this visit you will get to know the names of some of the little ones. The names Mungle, Musa and Samson will be already familiar to you. They are all well and growing rapidly. Next time I write I will tell you more about them and also of the new arrivals.

We all send our love to you and as you come together this fall we do wish you a real happy time in your work and play. It is wonderful to know that little boys and girls away off in Canada are praying and thinking about the little ones here in India.

Loving greetings from your new
Mission Band Nurse,
IRIS ERREY.

STUDY SCRAP BOOK COMPETITION 1934–35

A PRIZE will be presented to the Band which makes the best study scrap book. The book is to be a review of this year's mission study, which is the last nine chapters of our study book, ''Flowers in Far Fields''. The members of each Band should plan their own book and make it a review of their study work. The books will be marked for, information (handwritten or printed), neatness, originality and artistic arrangement. The age of the members will be taken into consideration when judging.

The rules of the contest are—

1. The work is to be done by the Band members, the Leader may help.
2. Every book should have the name and address of the person to whom the book is to be returned written on the back inside cover of the book, also the number of members in the Band and their average age.
3. Books should be sent to Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, and must be in the office by May 1st, 1935.
4. The Council Executive will appoint the judges and the result will be announced at the Enlarged Council Executive Meeting in 1935.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Synopsis of Lecture VIII

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

''SERVICE'' and ''Missions'' are synonymous terms; therefore service has a rightful place in the well balanced programme of missionary education.

To engage in activities such as making scrap books or quilts is usually part of the Mission Band programme. Often such work is mere ''busy work'', it is done because hand work is considered necessary, because it keeps the children quiet, or for some other similar reason. The *motive* of sharing or of showing love, has not been caught by the pupils and this is a serious omission. It is the *spirit* in which gifts are given which counts most of all. To teach the children to share with others is of more importance than the gifts they actually make. It is the privilege of leaders to cultivate and deepen from month to month in the lives of the children, a desire to be of service, a desire to share, a joyful willingness to be of help to others.

There are four guiding principles we should keep in mind:

1. Arouse the interest of the pupils and awaken their desire to be of service. (This can be done on study days when the pupils hear of the work being done by our W.M.S.)

2. The pupils should each make a definite decision to render service.
3. The pupils should plan in detail what they wish to do, the leader acting as guide.
4. The pupils should carry out the detailed plans, step by step, all members taking part under the supervision of the leader.

There are many ways children can serve:

1. Children may share their money. It is not the amount given but the fact that they learn to give that is important. Mission Banders should be told that their pennies support the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' and Miss Errey all year, also the entire work of our Society on the first day of every month. This is their responsibility.
2. Children may share other possessions, not the old worn out kind which they do not want any longer for themselves, but possessions which, when shared, tell of friendliness, love and sacrifice.
3. Children may share the work of their hands. There are many things children can make which will be useful or give pleasure to others.* Well made plans are nenessary as well as careful supervision if the work is to be successful. In choosing work the children's age and ability should be considered. Only good workmanship should be encouraged. The children should be allowed scope for originality of design wherever possible, and work commenced should always be finished.
4. Children may serve in many other ways such as visiting sick friends, doing kindly deeds at home or for their neighbors, and helping their Church or Sunday School with small tasks.

It has been said ''We have no right to rouse the emotions of the child, to create the desire to do and to be and then not put in the way of the child the opportunity to satisfy these desires. If you tell a mission story and the child feels ''I would like to help,'' he should be allowed to help and urged to help. Stories to succeed must be put into practice. Endeavor in your Band to have a place for every child to serve, no matter how small he or she may be.

The above outline is based on the eighth lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the ninth lecture is ''Correlating Children's Work in the Local Church''.

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* Consult the Mission Band study book "Flowers in Far Fields" for lists of articles children can make.

A Morning Prayer

''Jesus, keep me all this day
When at school and when at play,
When I work and when I rest:
Bless me, and I shall be blest.
May I do all things I ought,
May I hate each evil thought;
Let no false or angry word
From my lips this day be heard.''

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. M. Moodie, 2719, 14th St., S. W., Calgary, Press Secretary

The May meeting of Grace Church W.M.S., Calgary, was presided over by Mrs. G. Rae. It was decided to send a delegate from Grace Church to the Peace Council. ''Group 3'' was in charge of the programme. Five ladies, Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Gowans held an instructive discussion on ''What Christianity has to offer the Rural People of the East.'' It was shown, there were many blessings, as a result of the missionary's work in the ''Rural East''. Some of these are salvation, medical care, and education. The people are also taught handicraft and some of the most up-to-date methods of farming, all of which bring about new interest and happier lives.

First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Edmonton, recently entertained their three Mission Bands, the Bands providing the programme. The ''Golden Links'' Band, South Side, presented a missionary play. The costumes supplied by the W.M.S. added much to the effectiveness of the play. The ''Willing Workers,'' Central, had charge of the devotions, while the ''Helping Hands'' Band rendered a suitable chorus. After the programme the children enjoyed ice cream and cake provided by the Auxiliary members.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. J. Smith, Box 138, Armstrong, Press Secretary

At Kerrisdale Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting, Mr. James Dunn, who had been a student missionary in the Kootenay district, gave a splendid address on his work in this field. He said, the reception given a missionary entering a mining or lumbering camp depended entirely on his approach and the first impressions of the men. To instance this, he told of the experience of a friend of his. The men looked him over and said if they might choose his text they would listen to what he had to say. One of their number wrote on the board— ''To hell with the Church.'' In a minute the young man wrote underneath— ''The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'' This ready answer pleased the men and he was accorded a hearing.

The annual Presbyterial Mission Band rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, the oldest Presbyterian Church in British Columbia, and where the first Mission Band was formed. Miss A. C. Acheson, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presided. Miss R. Smith, recently appointed deaconess to Vancouver district, was introduced. The roll call by Mrs. Angus Mackenzie showed an attendance of 224 girls and boys, with adults bringing the number to over 300. The programme was contributed by the various Bands and prizes were presented by Mrs. John McPherson. Fairview Band received the banner for efficiency in scripture memorization, Knox Band for attendance, and Central Church Band for the largest contribution. Greetings were sent to the rally of Mission Bands at Wanham, Peace River, organized by Miss Grigor, formerly of Vancouver.

Kootenay P.S. has been privileged to hear Miss Sybil White, of Vancouver, on her return from the meeting of the W.M.S. Council held in Montreal. She met the Auxiliary and Y.W. Auxiliary at Cranbrook. Following this she visited the Auxiliaries at Kimberly and Nelson and at Nelson attended a meeting of the R.E.C. At all these places instructive and comprehensive reports were given of the Montreal meeting.

The Provincial Board held a reception in Central Church, Vancouver, in honor of Mrs. C. P. Young, and Miss Marion Williamson, on furlough from India. A very large gathering of interested friends was present to greet them. Rev. J. M. McGillivray, pastor of the Church spoke a few words of welcome. Miss Williamson was a member of Mr. McGillivray's church in Toronto when she left to take up work in India. Mrs. W. J. White, Honorary President, presented the guests with bouquets of sweet peas. Both Mrs. Young and Miss Williamson spoke briefly but interestingly on their experiences in India.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S. was held in Kamloops, and every Auxiliary was represented. The President, Mrs. Fowlie, gave a splendid report of the Provincial meeting. Mrs. Barry, New Westminster, addressed the meeting on various phases of W.M.S. work and also conducted the installation of officers.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEO. A. T. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S.—A successful Mission Band rally was held in First Church, Winnipeg, in June. Mrs. W. S. Smith, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary presided. About 140 children were present. Addresses were given by Mrs. George Leckie and Rev. D. Johnstone. A letter was read congratulating Elmwood Mission Band on their success in attaining a silver star in the Scrap Book Competition of the Council in Montreal. Rev. J. Stewart, St. James Church, gave a short address.

The semi-annual meeting of the Home Helpers of Norwood Church was addressed by Mrs. Duffin, and Mrs. J. S. Hutchison.

St. John's Church, Winnipeg, held a guest silver tea at the President's home. It was well attended by both members and friends of the congregation; the session came in a body. The proceeds will go toward supplies.

Old Kildonan Missionary Society and Home Helpers held their joint meeting in Nisbet Hall. There was a large attendance and a wonderful programme.

Winnipeg Presbyterial held a delightful tea in honor of Miss Dorothy C. Douglas, missionary on furlough from Formosa who was en route to her home in Ontario. The President, Mrs. W. J. Martin, introduced Miss Douglas, who has been in Tamsui for six years, and is at present Principal of the Girls' High School of that city. Miss Douglas told of her impressions on reaching Formosa; the difficulties of language study; of the school, which this year has 130 pupils, mostly from heathen homes; the religious teaching given, and how difficult it is for many of them to get a real heart knowledge of the Gospel. Miss Douglas has a charming personality which must be of great value in her work.

Superior P.S.—First Church W.M.S., Port Arthur, mourns the loss of Mrs. W. E. Elliott, a valued Auxiliary member, Home Helper Secretary and Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

An educative and interesting playette ''Glad Tidings'' which took the form of a radio broadcast was given by the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Mitchell, Stratford Presbyterial, when entertaining their Home Helpers. Mrs. Noah Lott (Mrs. Fulton), who is a missionary enthusiast, calling on Mrs. I. Read Little (Mrs. Cully), who is not, persuades her to tune in on station ''Oriental''. Messages telling of the reception of *Glad Tidings* in their respective fields were, presumably, received from the following missionaries, Dr. Buchanan, India; Miss Whatling, Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, India; Mary McKnight, a little girl from Tamsui Girls' School, Formosa, singing; Mrs. Goforth, Manchuria; a Korean girl in Japan, singing; also a message from Mrs. McKay, Manitoba. When this broadcast closed, Mrs. Noah Lott, who could not stay longer with Mrs. I. Read Little, told her there was another programme just coming on from Stratford with Mrs. W. H. Mitchell speaking, giving a heart to heart talk on missions, and the stories narrated in the magazine, *Glad Tidings.* Mrs. I. Read Little was so interested by now that she decided to listen in on this too, and was deeply impressed as was the entire audience. There were musical numbers on the programme and a talk by Mrs. Gibson on the significance of the term, Home Helper. Mrs. A. D. Cameron presided with Mr. J. M. Empey announcing the broadcast.

Mrs. M. W. Heslip addressed the meeting at Penetanguishene telling of the work and the deepening interest in its values as shown at the recent Provincial meeting in Hamilton.

Section five of Toronto Presbyterial held their meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Scarboro, delegates from Stouffville, Markham and

Agincourt were present. The speakers were Miss Alma Burdick, who told of the sorrows of child life in the East and the courage of native Christians in the face of persecution, and Miss Laura Pelton, who spoke of the contribution made by the Women's Missionary Society to the building up of Canadian citizenship.

A sectional meeting of Guelph P.S. was held at Duff's Church, Puslinch, with many delegates and friends. Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, presided. Rev. A. O. McDonald, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. Reports of Provincial meeting were given by Miss Jeffrey, Puslinch, and Miss Smith, Guelph. Question-box and discussion were conducted by Mrs. Wm. Eakins, Hespeler. Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto, gave an inspiring and helpful address. An Honorary Membership was presented by Miss McRae, on behalf of a friend to Mrs. M. B. Davidson, in memory of her grandfather, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, first minister of Duff's Church, and later of Chalmers' Church, Guelph.

A Y.W. rally was held in Stratford, Mrs. J. H. McCabe in charge. Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Toronto, spoke on stimulating interest between senior and junior Auxiliaries, giving suggestions for programmes. Miss Garden gave a talk on Auxiliary meetings. A sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, St. Mary's, Mrs. A. W. Hare presiding. Mrs. J. Riddell welcomed the delegates. Mrs. D. Neill, Avonton, led the discussion, bringing out many points of interest. In the afternoon there was prayer and greetings by Rev. J. Riddell; talk on Eastern Division, Mrs. Schobbie, Stratford; inspirational address, Mrs. John Williams, Toronto; roll call of Auxiliaries and closing message, Mrs. McCabe. Mrs. J. Machan, Mitchell, reported progress of historical committee's preparation for golden jubilee in October.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 108 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—An interesting report on girls' work was read at the sub-executive meeting held late in June. Miss Margaret Muckersie has been very active since taking over office, visiting groups in Montreal and vicinity. Mother and daughter banquets have been an enjoyable feature. At these, displays of needle work and knitting done by the groups called forth great admiration on the part of the Senior Auxiliaries. Plans for a rally in the early autumn are under way, when an increase in the number of affiliated and newly organized groups is expected.

In June, the Chinese Kindergarten, Montreal, brought to conclusion one of the most successful years in its history. The Chinese mothers have long since come to recognize the fine services which are being given to their children at this institution and twenty-six of these mothers were present at the closing.

Rev. Dr. W. D. Reid presided. The programme included an attractive pageant, ''The Little Girl Who Forgot'', written by Harriet Trill, one of the voluntary workers at the kindergarten. The play was ably directed by Mrs. Herman, assistant director of the kindergarten, under the supervision of Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Chinese missionary worker in Montreal. The Chinese children gave an attractive performance, the costumes, made by Miss Dickson, being especially pleasing. Among those taking part were Tony Hum, Douglas Lee and Pauline Sinn. Miss Hattie Jue played the accompaniments. Addresses were given by Rev. David Scott, Mrs. W. D. Reid, Miss Agnes I. Dickson and by Mrs. A. W. Pae, Presbyterial President, who also presented the prizes.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW P.S. was presided over by Mrs. H. A. Staveley. The attendance was gratifying and reports encouraging. Rev. H. R. Horne, the special speaker of the evening, gave a very fine address on the Church, not as an organization of individual branches but a living organism of which Christ is the head. At the afternoon meeting, Mrs. Horne referred to the hope, courage and faith revealed in the reports, showing that difficulties encountered had been changed into opportunities for service, and asked that next year emphasis be laid on young women's and girls' work. Miss Lily Simpson, formerly of Weyburn, now on furlough from Jhansi, India, was an honored guest.

Saskatoon P.S.—As a gesture of respect and in honor to the memory of Miss Mildred Soutar, R.N., Parkview Mission Band has changed its name to the ''Mildred Soutar'' Band. Rev. D. Smith, Supt. of Chinese Missions in Canada, gave an interesting address to Parkview Auxiliary.

Regina P.S. made the experiment of holding a summer conference and it was so successful it was decided that, instead of holding the annual meeting in January when travel is difficult, the annual reports be submitted and passed by the whole Executive in time to be forwarded to the Provincial Annual Meeting, the regular programme and discussions to be left to the summer meeting. Mrs. Jas. McAra presided. About 50 were present, some coming 150 miles. The programme included talks and discussions led by the departmental Secretaries and general exchange of ideas. The meeting was a great help and inspiration.

Whitewood Auxiliary had the pleasure of welcoming and hearing a message from Mrs. Frank Kovacs, wife of Rev. F. Kovacs, formerly minister of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, and now ministering to his people at Kipling and other points in the West. Mrs. Kovacs is doing deaconess work.

Whitewood enjoyed a great treat in a lecture on Formosa by Rev. W. G. Brown, who represented our Church at the 60th anniversary of that Mission.

Treasurer's Statement

June-July, 1934

RECEIPTS

Miss I. MacDonald, Ottawa "Work in Northern Ontario"	$ 5.00
Rent from Eastern Division W.M.S. for Bungalow in Japan	60.00
Interest	200.58
Refund from Vegreville Residence	210.00
Refund on Council Expenses	395.65
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	468.48
British Columbia	810.00
Manitoba	310.00
Ontario	10,800.00
	$13,259.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 751.46
Canora	1,580.41
Vegreville	788.73
Chinese in Canada	2,398.18
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	1,705.98
Birtle Indian School	1,823.52
Mistawasis Indian Day School	67.50
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	225.00
Prince Albert	247.48
New Liskeard	199.98
Saskatoon	264.43
Vegreville	637.49
Welcome and Welfare	4,136.62
Publications	2,216.68
Organization	1,396.71
Library	61.10
Candidates	15.00
Pensions	349.98
Student	1.10
Lantern Slides	187.24
Supplies	92.86
Council Expense	799.10
Miscellaneous	165.70
New Missionary	200.00
India:	
Bhil Field	3,673.88
Jhansi Field	2,686.30
Formosa	2,075.63
Japan	1,497.50
South China	287.50
Exchange	1,245.68
Administration	1,105.22
	$32,883.96

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Legacy from the Estate of Annie P. Glennie, Hamilton (final payment)	$ 692.87	
Legacy Interest	316.11	
Pension Interest	22.50	
Sustaining Fund Interest	277.84	
Sustaining Fund, Sale of McCrea property, Vegreville	56.85	
		$1,366.17

DISBURSEMENTS:

Legacy Fund:	Nurses' Home, Bhil Field, India	$ 500.00	
	Maternity Ward, Bhil Field, India	500.00	
	Girls' Hostel, Jhansi, India	500.00	
	"Happy Mount" Chapel, Formosa	1,000.00	
Sustaining Fund:	Scholarship for boy, Bhil Field, India	45.00	
Special Gift:	Library for Girls' Work Department	50.00	
	Poster and Registration forms for Girls' Work Department	4.24	
			$2,599.24

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GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE W.M.S.

December 31st, 1933

Provincial Societies	6
Presbyterials	41
Auxiliaries	727
Young Women's Auxiliaries	203
Girls' Organizations	302
Mission Bands	548
Associate Societies	73
Total Number of Branches	1,853
Life Members	506
Junior Members and Seals	558
Honorary Members	19
In Memoriam Subscriptions	47
Subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*	19,051
Value of Literature Sold	$3,376.81
Membership in Auxiliaries	16,989
Membership in Y.W. Auxiliaries	4,612
Membership in Girls' Organizations	4,352
Membership in Mission Bands	12,637
Home Helper Members	7,908
Total Membership	46,498
Total Contributions from Provincial Societies, per Treasurer's Statement	$141,970.59
Average Contribution per member	$3.05

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"LET us give thanks, but let us learn to give
Our thanks in service, that the truest praise;
Not for ourselves, for all mankind we live—
That is the meaning of Thanksgiving days.
A psalm of praise that we have much to share,
A prayer that we the world may help and cheer,
I think that is the psalm and that the prayer
That God will hear."

Editorial

Beginning Again

"THE autumn", said Phillips Brooks, "is the real springtime of the town. It is then that the grey pastures of our paved streets begin to blossom once again with their bright flowers of enterprise and fellowship and service."

In our W.M.S. work, it is in the autumn that we are conscious of a fresh start in our missionary activities. To use the words of Scripture, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months," or, in other words, the month when we apply ourselves afresh to our missionary tasks. Vacation is over, but the stored-up strength and vigor which a holiday brings goes surging through body and mind and compels us to respond to the call of service and to take up old tasks with fresh heart.

One writer has said: "Even the best work can sink into routine, and the noblest enterprises become commonplace drudgery if we lose sight of their high significance, and there is no better time to take cognizance of the real nature of our work than in these autumn days—in the pause before we are once more caught up in their manifold demands. If we are to make a fresh start we must make it with refreshed spirits, and such refreshment comes from a clear vision of the Divine purpose and our place within that purpose . . . 'Behold I make all things new', is the gracious promise, and we do well to stand back from our work and see it in relation to the ultimate good of life."

Once more we are taking up the winter's work. It may be work that we have been doing for years, and it has lost the interest and romance it once possessed. We no longer experience the thrill of a fresh start. We begin again without enthusiasm and go on without joy, and joyless work can never be effective. ''How'', we ask, ''can we recover the romance of Christian service?''

We shall make the right start with our work this autumn in so far as we realize that it is God's work we are doing and bend every energy to make it a success. It may mean re-adaptation of programmes; the exercise of resilience instead of rigidity in the conduct of our meetings; a more consistent practice of prayer; more intensive study of our work, and a firmer determination to be loyal to our Church and W.M.S.

One writer has said ''Women nowadays are not content to be mere units or ciphers, and so they link themselves with those organizations through which they can best express, develop, and accomplish the purpose that is theirs.'' Among the many worthwhile women's organizations in Canada, we believe the Women's Missionary Society ranks first. Dame Rachel Crowdy, Executive Secretary of the Social Service Women's Department of the League of Nations, expressed herself as believing that the missionary group have both the message and the opportunity to make the world over, if they will, that no other group has.

The mission task of the Christian Church is a strategic, carefully planned world-wide movement. It is ''no longer a questionable venture on the part of a few brave souls but an actual basic factor in Empire building, along with politics and economics and no less indispensable.'' Its history stirs one with pride.

In this, the seventieth year of our history, shall we not seek a wider vision of the greatness of our task, and prove ourselves worthier of our missionary foremothers by doing our utmost to help to bring about the glad day when all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest?

The Appeal of the Church

THE Budget and Stewardship Committee of our Church, which by action of the last Assembly replaces the former Budget Committee of the Board of Administration, concerns itself not only with raising the amount necessary to meet the missionary and benevolent work of our Church, but also with the important issue—the arousing of a sense of responsibility to God in the use of our life and the disposition of our means.

Literature and material necessary to acquaint congregations fully with the work of the Church at home and abroad has been sent to the ministers, Presbyteries, and Synods of the Church. The estimate for maintaining the work for the present year has been reduced to the lowest possible point—$420,000.00.

''Our time, talents and wealth belong to God. As stewards of the manifold Grace of God we are responsible to Him for the use that we make of our possessions. Having received Christ we are under obligation to make Him known to others.''

The prayerful consideration and co-operation of every member of the Church is asked in raising this amount. We commend to our W.M.S. women this appeal of the Church.

Annual Report

THE 1933 W.M.S. Annual Report is printed and is being sent out as quickly as possible. It is larger by 24 pages than the 1932 report, and contains the Constitution. This book is supplied at no cost to the reader, but it is expected that the information it contains will be generally used and that every Organization will set apart one meeting for its study.

The Report is not sent for the exclusive use of any one officer: it is to be shared by all—both members and officers.

The allocation is as follows:

2 to every Auxiliary.
2 to every Young Women's Auxiliary.
1 to every Associate Society.
1 for the use of the different Girls' Organizations in the Church.
1 for each Mission Band.

Furloughed Missionaries

Outgoing Missionaries under the W.M.S.

To India.—Gwalior Mission, Jhansi—Miss Ida M. McSparron, B.A., teacher, (new appointee). Jobat—Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N., Superintendent Jobat Hospital, (returning after furlough). Both sailing S.S. *Duchess of Richmond,* from Montreal September 28th; from London, England, P & O Steamship *Strathnaver,* November 2nd.

W.M.S. Missionaries on Furlough

From India.—Bhil field—Miss Marion Williamson, teacher, Amkhut; Miss Lily A. Simpson, R.N., Jhansi.

From Formosa.—Miss Dorothy C. Douglas, Principal Girls' School, Tamsui; Miss Margaret M. Ramsay, evangelistic worker, and Miss Ethel M. Chisholm, nurse, Taihoku.

Church Missionaries on Furlough

India.—Bhil field—Rev. C. P. and Mrs. Young, Mendha; Mr. Angus MacKay, Jhansi, and Mrs. MacKay (neé Catherine Moodie).

Formosa.—Rev. James and Mrs. Dickson and family, Tamsui.

Japan.—Rev. L. L. and Mrs. Young and family, Kobe.

Canadian Girls Take Notice!

"BROADCAST. The 31st March was a red-letter day in the history of our Girls' Auxiliary, for through the courtesy of 2 C H, our President addressed our members over the air, and her message was heard clearly hundreds of miles away in some of our country centres." The foregoing item was taken from the annual report of the Girls' Auxiliary to Women's Missionary Association for New South Wales.

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The *Harvest Field,* the official magazine of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand, has copied for their Girls' Auxiliary, the suggestion by our Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, for presenting missions in an attractive way, which she prepared for the March *Glad Tidings.*

Former Girls' Work Secretary Becomes a Lawyer

WARMEST congratulations are extended Miss Winifred Yuill, of Melita, Manitoba, our Girls' Work Secretary in 1929-30, who has completed her law course and has been called to the Bar. Miss Yuill has blazed an entirely new trail for Girls' Work Secretaries and we shall follow her career with a great deal of interest and the warmest wishes for her success.

How the W.M.S. Wheels Go Round

This paper was read at St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Toronto, by Mrs. D. D. Calvin, and is printed at the special request of the Editorial Committee.

I HAVE chosen the title, "How the W.M.S. Wheels Go Round", not to give you any elaborate simile of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) as a machine, for I know nothing of mechanics, but rather to suggest that between the individual members and their interest and givings at one end, and the actual work supported by the Society at the other there must be some system of management—some machinery in other words—or all would be in confusion. I confess that before I had a share in its workings I knew very little about this machinery.

Up to 1927, I had held no office except that of Corresponding Secretary for a brief period in either of the two Auxiliaries to which I had belonged. I had heard such terms as Presbyterials, Provincials, Supply Secretary, allocations and candidates, but was very vague about what they stood for. Then I was asked, and agreed, to become a member of the Council Executive, after being warned that it would mean a good deal of work but would be very interesting. I knew, of course, as all W.M.S. women know, that **no remuneration** was attached to the post of any Secretary on the Council Executive; the work is its own reward. I well remember coming back from my first meeting—the usual Tuesday morning three-hour session in Knox College Board Room—and lying down for the whole afternoon, quite exhausted by the effort to understand what it had all been about. So many wheels had been turning that morning that I was quite confused. Later on I was given a wheel to turn myself—and before long I realized that the whole machinery was outlined in the Constitution of the Society. You will find this rather alarming document printed at the end of any Annual Report up to that of last year (1931) when, for the sake of economy, it was omitted for the first time.

Part of the Constitution deals with the formation of the Society—Provincials, Presbyterials and different branches of the Society—Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations, Mission Bands, and their relation one to another, together with rules for the forwarding of reports, money and supplies—but I leave all that aside and come to the Council.

The Council is the administrative body of the Society. It is made up of the 35 members of the Council Executive (6 of whom are the Provincial Presidents) 5 other members from each of the 6 Provincial Societies—and the Presidents of the 41 Presbyterials making a total of 106 members. It will be readily seen that as the homes of the members of Council are scattered from Quebec to British Columbia, there cannot be frequent meetings of the Council. At first it met once a year, just before the date set for the General Assembly and, since 1929, only once in two or three years, because of the great expense of bringing the members for the four day sessions. Since 1925, the full Council has met in Saskatoon, Windsor, Vancouver, Ottawa, and Winnipeg. Three times the Council Executive, slightly enlarged by the addition of one member from each Provincial Society, had met in Toronto to do the work of the Council, and this year the Council is to meet in Montreal but with reduced Provincial and Council Executive representation.

When the Council or the Enlarged Council Executive meets, it receives the annual reports of the Secretaries of the Council Executive, gives instructions, plans new work and, last but not least, decides what sum of money may be asked for from the Society for the coming year. Then the members go home and the Council Executive is left to see that the wishes of the Council are carried out.

But what is this Council Executive, you will ask. It is made up of 35 members of whom 6 are the Provincial Presidents. The remaining 29 are chosen from the W.M.S. members living in Toronto, or so close to it that they can attend not only the weekly meetings but numerous committee meetings as well. Only very rarely can the distant Provincial Presidents attend the meetings, but all receive from time to time statements of the completed business from the Council Executive minutes.

There is another function of the Council Executive that must be mentioned: the link between the Church's General Board of Missions and the Council. As a matter of fact, the Council Executive, although nominated by the Council, is actually elected by the General Assembly, as one of its standing Committees and the Society's work must therefore be reported each year to the General Assembly. At the present time seven members of the Council Executive are members of the General Board of Missions, three of these act on the Executive of the Board of Missions, and one on the Sub-executive. This close connection between the W.M.S. Council and the General Board of Missions is very necessary because to the Women's Missionary Society is entrusted much of the work among women and children in the mission fields of the Church.

Now let me take you to a meeting of the Council Executive—on a Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. It is held in the Board Room at Knox College, a long panelled room, with a finely carved stone fire place on one side and casement windows at either end. Down the centre runs a long and handsome table around which fourteen huge leather cushioned chairs are placed. Other large chairs and two benches form an outer line of seats and from the walls above the panelling six revered old Professors look down from their gilt frames. The President sits at the head of the table facing the door, while the Editor of the *Glad Tidings,* who takes copious notes, sits at the other end. On the President's right sits the Recording Secretary taking down the business. Next to her is the Treasurer, and then the Secretaries for India, Chinese in Canada, and Hospitals and Presbyterian Residences. On the Editor's right sits the Candidate Secretary. Farther up the table are the Supply Secretary, and Home Helpers' Secretary. At the President's left is the Corresponding Secretary. Custom rather than precedence seems to have allotted all the seats. Some find the benches more comfortable than the deep-seated chairs, or friends like to sit together. A chair near the President, but not at the table is reserved for visitors and sometimes when visitors are numerous an extra bench has to be hurriedly brought in from the corridor. Many members knit during the meetings, put down special points in note books, pass along little notes, exchange understanding glances but always there is an atmosphere of interest in the business in hand and dignity and order are always maintained. An honored visitor is welcomed and bidden good-bye by the members rising to their feet. Sometimes the visitor is a missionary home on furlough, a distinguished minister of the Church, a new worker about to be sent out, or someone coming with a plea for assistance from the Society for some special piece of Missionary or philanthropic work.

The meeting opens with devotions taken by various members in turn; a hymn is sung, without accompaniment, the Bible is read and prayers are offered. Requests to be excused are reported from the members who cannot be present, and then the work of the day begins with reading of the minutes. These are listened to very attentively, and here at once one realizes that the Council Executive is very conscious of its responsibility. The President has a copy of the minutes as well as the Recording Secretary who reads them. Phrases are carefully considered and when necessary corrected before the minutes are declared approved and signed. They are then filed away in the W.M.S. office and are also indexed.

There is, of course, a strict order of procedure, starting with the business arising out of the minutes. This often takes the form of the report of a committee, or the answer to a letter which a Secretary has been asked to write, or the verbal report of an interview. The business of the Treasurer comes next. The payment of all bills presented must be voted upon and, once a month, a financial statement is given. The Corresponding Secretary deals with the letters she has received. After that, individual Secretaries bring up any business they may have. When this has been settled or referred to the proper committee for investigation to be reported back for decision at a later meeting, there may be time to hear interesting letters read aloud, or to listen to the impressions of the delegate appointed to some special missionary gathering—perhaps an interdenominational lunch at which some distinguished missionary leader has been speaking. Then there are announcements, and dates set for committee meetings before the members prepare to go home, but not before a short prayer brings the meeting to a close.

Once or twice a year, usually at the time of reading reports, there has to be an afternoon session following an adjournment sufficiently long for the members to get lunch in one of the nearby tea rooms. An amusing incident took place during one of these afternoon sessions. The President had jokingly threatened ''shooting at dawn'' for any secretary whose report was not ready for the next meeting. At that instant there came a sound of gunfire close at hand. It took a moment for the startled hearers to realize that it was the usual salute being fired in Queen's Park to mark the prorogation of the Legislature. There are red letter days when the Council Executive in accepting the estimates for the coming year or in hearing how much money came in during the previous year gets a vision of all the work supported by the Society and of the forty-one thousand members who have contributed to its funds. There are sad days when the death of a faithful worker is reported or when the members stand to hear an ''In Memoriam'' minute read; and there are glad days when a new missionary or deaconess is accepted for service in some special field, welcomed and dedicated to the work.

I spoke earlier of being given a wheel to turn. By that I meant that the management of one section of the Council Executive's work was given to me and that I became Secretary for that section. Inside the cover of any copy of *Glad Tidings* you will find the names of the Council Executive members and the sections, or wheels, or departments for which each one is responsible. The duties of the Secretaries vary slightly but all conduct the correspondence of their departments. Some have workers to write to in the various mission fields or W.M.S. Institutions, and have all kinds of arrangements to make for these workers. Others correspond with the Provincial Executive Secretaries, and some whose departments come under the heading, Organization, are also responsible for a page in each number of the *Glad Tidings*—such work as Young Women's, Girls' Work and Mission Bands. The Candidate Secretary receives and writes countless letters all dealing with the engagement of new workers, and I cannot even imagine all the duties that fall to the lot of the President and Treasurer or how they ever find time for them all. Every Secretary must write an annual report about her own department which is read to the Council Executive, presented to the Council, accepted by it and is finally printed in the Annual Report of the Society. The Council Executive must also hear the reports that come in from the National and Overseas workers and from the Secretaries on the Provincial Societies. Reports bulk very large in the year's work.

All this work would be quite too difficult and responsible for anyone to undertake were there not definite instructions laid down for the conducting of the work or were it not possible to bring each problem to a committee for discussion. The findings of committees come as recommendations to the Council Executive and no action may be taken without the approval of the majority. The responsibility is thus shared by all the members.

The committees almost always meet in a special room in the W.M.S. office. In this office are found the exceedingly clever and helpful staff; the Editor of the *Glad Tidings*, the Publications Secretary and the five girls who keep the books, type the letters, file the documents, parcel and send out the books, and leaflets, make up the mailing list of *Glad Tidings'* subscribers, and attend to the thousand and one details of running a business. It is a business this W.M.S. work, and a big one. Think of receiving and expending about $190,000 a year, accounting for every cent, allotting it fairly, and making each go as far as possible. Think of all the writing that is done throughout the whole Society, the reports, the *Glad Tidings*, the study books and the helpful leaflets, the compiling of the Annual Report, and the arrangements for printing the material issued by the Society. Think of all the letters that must be written throughout the whole Society, of the planning for the meetings, of the making up and shipping of all the parcels and bales. You will realize that it is a big business. Then clothe all who share in the management with flesh and blood and personality—the members of the Council Executive, the Executive officers throughout all the branches, the office staff, the workers supported by the Society in Canada and overseas and you will have the living lovable earnest women who make the W.M.S. wheels go round.

Indian Choirs

Sir Hugh Roberton, who was the adjudicator at several musical festivals in Canada last spring, including that of Kenora, Ont., in May, has written several articles regarding his experiences in Canada to the *Glasgow Daily Record and Mail.* The following reference to the Indian band of "Cecilia Jeffrey" School, should give a thrill to the young musicians, their trainer George Smith, and Superintendent Byers.

AT Kenora I heard three Indian choirs and an Indian band, all from a Presbyterian School. The choirs were good, but the band was superb. It was one of the sensations of my tour.

It is a military band playing regular band music, and is conducted by an old British Army bandmaster. To see those young Indian boys and girls standing up (they play standing), straight as reeds, their proud heads held high, their eyes gleaming, their instruments flashing, and then to hear that first chord of close-meshed harmony—why, it almost lifted me from my seat. Such precision, such rhythm, such spirit—I simply put down my pencil and enjoyed myself.

Little Bit of Meanness

When I took it up again, I wrote on their sheet one thing only—the marks—95. That it was not 100 I can attribute to that little bit of meanness which is in all of us. Later, four of their number appeared in the cornet solo class. Scanning the list of entrants, I had noticed that three out of five bore Scottish names. No. 1 was Donald Morrison. Judge my surprise, when Donald appeared, to find not a fiery Celt but a lithe young Indian. Many of them I found out subsequently, bear Scottish names, some by right, and some by choice. These youngsters are well educated.

Indian Boys and Girls Win Honors in Musical Festival

JANET A. CARRUTHERS

"I HAVE nothing but admiration for this work. Its direction, and the response it brooks, the happy co-operation of the players, the *esprit de corps* all bespeak not only ability but genius. The director deserves the greatest praise. For spirit, for skill, for musical direction this band is a shining example to every festival competitor."

Such were the remarks with which Sir Hugh Roberton, the distinguished adjudicator of the Kenora Musical Festival, characterized the performance of the boys' and girls' band from the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, under the conductorship of Mr. Smith.

"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School Band.
From right to left: Mr. George Smith, Conductor; Sir Hugh Roberton, Adjudicator; Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal.

At Saturday night's, May 19th, programme of the festival, the school band opened with "Grand March" (Huntingdon) and afterwards presented "Gems of the Opera" (Barry) for adjudication, receiving at the close the highest recorded marking (95), of this season's festival in Western Canada, thus returning to the school for the second time, the silver cup donated by Mr. Silverman, of Kenora.

A two-part song presented also by the pupils of the school, under the direction of Miss Wood, received a high marking for its standard of efficiency, bringing to the school, the silver shield donated by Governor E. W. Cox.

Sir Hugh Roberton expressed a wish to be photographed with boys and girls of the band, and at the close of the festival visited the "Cecilia Jeffrey" for that purpose.

The Department of Indian Affairs through Captain Edwards, writes expressing congratulation and admiration, for the splendid work accomplished by the band and its director.

Since its inception in 1931, by Mr. Byers, who at that time recruited from the ranks of the pupils the rawest of the raw material, the "Cecilia Jeffrey" School band has forged steadily upward to a high pinnacle of success, spreading unquestionable good and an uplifting influence in every department of the work.

A keen and appreciative interest has been taken from the start, by the boys and girls themselves in their band; and when strenuous times assailed them, they gladly picked blueberries to sell and augment their instruments which now number thirty-seven.

The faith in their musical direction which Mr. Byers placed in the hands of Mr. Smith to whom musical distinction has come from all parts of the British Empire, is being speedily and surely justified. The "Cecilia Jeffrey" School Band has been a happy and profitable experiment, and passes with honors from that stage, to be a "shining example to every festival competitor."

Our Fragile Hearts

SOME time ago, at a meeting of missionary leaders, the thing which impressed a visitor with a sense of dismay was the number of references to the fragility of heart which seemed to prevail among the group of workers whom those leaders represented.

"She ought to be asked to do that piece of work differently—but it would break her heart to be criticized." "That woman is usurping the work of another department, but her heart would be broken if we told her so." "Yes, we know that phase of the work is no longer advisable, and should be brought to an end; but the woman who is in charge of it has never done any other kind of work or taken an interest in anything else, and we can't break her heart by taking it from her." Even the acceptance of an invitation to hold a convention in a certain place was urged "because those people's hearts would be broken if we refused."

What is the matter with our hearts? Are they really as fragile as all this? Do hearts, like bones, grow brittle with the passing years, and snap at the slightest shock, and refuse to knit again? Seriously, is there not something wrong with our work, if what it brings us after years of service is a heart so sensitive that everybody has to be afraid of breaking it and driving us out of the Master's service, by telling us honestly what is best for the work we are supposed to love?

Let us try to get down to the bottom of these fragile hearts of ours, and ask ourselves what is really the deepest feeling that dwells there. Is it love for the Lord's work? If it is, we should be thinking first of the needs of that work, the way in which He can best be served. Then the thing that is best for the work would be the thing that would give us joy, and not pain, even though it meant changing our way of working to meet the requirements of a changing time, or even giving it over altogether into other hands than ours. If not, then is it really the work we love, or is it our own pleasure in doing it?

These are searching questions, and may not be comfortable ones to ask ourselves; but every servant of Christ must ask them some time or other, and be judged by the answer. We are falling short if we cannot answer as we ought. The least in the Kingdom of God is supposed to be greater than John the Baptist; yet he met this test, when he said of his Successor, ''He must increase, but I must decrease.'' We are less than the least in the Kingdom if we cannot say as much. The work, the wonderful glorious work, must be our passion, not our own doing of it in our own particular way. If the work is truly first with us, our hearts will not be broken so easily; we can see the workers pass, even ourselves, while the work goes on triumphantly down the ages. Surely it would be far greater grief to any of us to reach the life beyond, and there discover that the work had ever suffered or been hindered because of our fragile hearts!

The personal element in the work of Christ's Kingdom will always be a large one. The work will always come close to the hearts of His true workers, and become a thing of vital import to them. But we have no right to strew the King's Highway with the broken glass of our personal feelings and ambitions. A prayer that all of us might pray with profit would be, ''Harden my heart against myself; make Thy work first with me!'' —*Christian Observer.*

Dr. Robert Laws

ONE of the most distinguished missionaries of modern times has passed away. Dr. Robert Laws—''Laws of Livingstonia''—died on August 6th, in a London nursing home, of peritonitis. He was in his 84th year.

Nurtured in a family among whom David Livingstone was venerated as the ideal Christian leader, Laws as a lad had one constant ambition—to follow in Livingstone's footsteps. With the aid of friends, he was enabled to enter Aberdeen University, and he equipped himself for his life-work by graduating in both Arts and Medicine, and by completing (at Edinburgh) the theological course leading up to his ordination in the United Presbyterian Church. After this, he held a position as a city missionary in connection with the Glasgow Fever Hospital.

In 1875 his opportunity came. Livingstone had recently died, and the Free Church of Scotland decided to establish an industrial mission, to be called Livingstonia, on the shores of the great Lake Nyasa, which the explorer had discovered. Laws was appointed medical officer and second in command of the expeditionary party, and he speedily became the director and governing force of the whole enterprise.

It was the beginning of a new epoch for Central Africa when Laws first entered the waters of Nyasa on the *Ilala,* the first steamship to navigate any of the big lakes. He found a land all but ruined by constant tribal warfare, as well as by the raids of the Angoni (a migrant Zulu tribe) and of Arab slavers. The civilizing influence of his early work paved the way for the entry of the British Government in 1891 and for a rapid growth of native prosperity with the return of peace and the spread of Christian education. The modern station of Livingstonia was founded in 1894 on the third of the sites selected by Laws as mission stations. A concession of some eighty square miles was secured from the British authorities, and here were laid out under Laws' wise direction, schools and churches, workshops, dwelling houses and stores, woods, farms and gardens.

Robert Laws' versatility, energy, and competence in all departments of pioneer life were almost incredible. He was not indeed a great preacher, but he was a fine schoolmaster and organizer of church work, a skilful translator and compiler of the first dictionary, grammar and New Testament in the Njanja tongue. He was a good seaman, and expert tracker of game and incidentally an excellent cook. He thoroughly enjoyed the life of an explorer. He knew how best to establish friendly relations with the wildest of savages, was often peacemaker in their feuds, and many miserable slaves owed to him their release. His services as physician and surgeon were constantly in request.

Laws devised an admirable system of bookkeeping, was a good amateur printer, and organized a most efficient postal service. For civil administration, too, he had talent, and for years many of the natives would recognize no other taxgatherer than the Doctor.

He became moreover a most experienced and successful gardener and farmer, and to him Central Africa owes the introduction of many new foodstuffs and of improved breeds of stock and methods of afforestation. Much more than a ''Jack of all trades'', he seemed master of all.

In spite of countless disappointments, he never lost faith in the infinite capacities for growth of the primitive African. In a remarkable way he combined an utter selflessness and modesty with an unshakable confidence in his own judgment and experience. When at length he retired to Edinburgh in 1928, at the age of 77, he left behind him as a wonderful monument to his fifty years of leadership and toil, a great and prosperous community. In the whole of the Livingstonia area, which includes parts of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, there were 34 congregations and 590 out-stations, with 19,730 church members, 694 schools, and a missionary staff of 47 Europeans. Thirteen Africans were serving as ordained ministers.

Scotland has not been slow to honor this distinguished missionary. Dr. Laws became, in 1891, an honorary D.D. of Aberdeen, and has also received the freedom of that city. In 1907 he was summoned home to become the first missionary Moderator of the United Free Church Assembly. In 1925 he was made an LL.D. of Capetown University. He received the C.M.G. from the British Government in 1923. From 1912 onwards he did useful service on the Legislative Council of Nyasaland.

Dr. Laws was married in 1879 at Blantyre, Nyasaland, to Miss Margaret Gray who co-operated most helpfully in his work. She died in 1921. Their only daughter, Miss Amelie Laws, is a graduate in medicine.

Dr. Laws was ordained by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Duff, first Presbyterian missionary to India. Dr. Duff was inspired by Livingstone, so that the passing of Dr. Laws brings to an end an illustrious third generation of great missionaries. —*The British Weekly.*

In 1892 Dr. and Mrs. Laws came to Canada to attend the first meeting of the Pan Presbyterian Alliance, which was held in what was then the old Central Church, Toronto. In 1925, the Presbyterian Alliance met in Boston, U.S.A., and the members of our W.M.S. who were delegates to that memorable meeting will not soon forget Dr. Laws' wonderful message and venerable appearance.—*Editor.*

Dominion Day in Landour, India

ELEANOR MCKECHNIE

LAST Sunday was the 1st of July—Canada's Birthday. Being Sunday, we couldn't very well celebrate, but we had a very nice day. There were just five Canadians staying in this house, Iris Errey, Bessie MacMurchy, Ellen Douglas, Mary Sherrick, and myself. The rest of our household comprised fifteen Americans and two Norwegian girls.

Well, Sunday evening, all of our Language School Christian pundits were invited in for a sing-song. We sang hymns and bhajans until 9 p.m. Then someone said, ''Now, I think that the Canadians should sing their National Anthem.'' After a bit of coaxing, we began to sing the ''Maple Leaf Forever''. While singing, someone switched off the lights, leaving only the light from the crackling grate fire, and to our great surprise, one of the table waiters, bearers as we call them, dressed all in white,—white coat reaching just below his knees, white pants, and white turban about his head—appeared in the door bearing a great large cake lighted with birthday candles for Canada's Birthday, and on it was written ''Canada''. It was a rather unique sight, our dark-faced bearer in his white clothes carrying ''Canada's Birthday Cake'' with its flashing candles into the darkened room. It reminded me of the fact that we, God's humble servants, unworthy though we may be, along with our Indian Christian people are the bearers of the Light of Jesus in this darkened land of India.

The bearer put the cake down on what we call a morka, which is a round reed stool and was placed in the centre of the room for the purpose. You can just imagine our surprise and delight! It seemed to bring Canada all of a sudden nearer to us and almost made us feel a bit homesick. We were then requested to sing again. So the five of us standing by the cake started off singing ''O, Canada'', though not any of us were *very* sure of all the words. The funny part of it was, when we were about half way through, Iris broke off into ''Rule Britannia'', which brought a roar of laughter from all. However, we managed to recover ourselves sufficiently to finish singing ''O, Canada'', after which we all blew out the candles and, Ellen was accorded the honor of cutting the cake.

I think it was just so nice of our American friends to think of such a thing for Canada's Birthday. In return, we celebrated the Fourth of July with them by going on a picnic.

Such as I Have

IN an old sailor's chantey is found this couplet:

> ''I've often thought if I were rich
> I'd do by her what's right.''

These words voice good intentions indefinitely postponed, for most of the men who sing will never be rich; and even should riches fall to them all, these riches might not confer the power that we commonly associate with them. Are we not inclined to assume a similar attitude in regard to our Master and the work of His Kingdom here on earth? How often have we heard expressions like these: ''If I had Mrs. A's money I would be generous—I could just as well as not. What I do give now hurts me more than it would hurt her to tithe!'' ''If I had Mrs. B's leisure, I'd love to make church calls and cultivate strangers, but I'm so busy I simply can't find time for such things!'' ''If I had the talent that Mrs. D. has, I'd boom the missionary society. I'd advertise it until not a woman in the Church could forget it.'' ''If I had Mrs. E's ability, I'd be perfectly willing to serve on the programme committee, but I haven't any originality, you know.'' (Don't agree with her, or you will be in trouble!) ''If I had the training that

Mrs. F. has had, I would gladly take charge of a King's Herald band, but I feel so inadequate!'' ''If I had the experience that Mrs. G. has had, I'd not hesitate a minute about undertaking the presidency of that Church organization. But I never did try to do such a thing and I don't dare now.'' And so we might go on with many more of the ''If-But'' family.

After all, the question is not as to what you would do if you had something which you have not. The real question is, are you making Christian use of what you already have? If not, why should you be entrusted with more? We must learn to say sincerely, ''Such as I have, give I unto Thee,'' not contenting ourselves with such a fallacy as ''What some one else has, would I gladly give, were it mine to do so.'' —*Woman's Missionary Friend.*

How Our Deaconesses Help Our Church

Extracts from a letter from Miss Frieda Matthews of Red Deer, Alta.

MY car has proved a great blessing in my work. Since purchasing it, in the early part of April, I have travelled over 3,000 miles—more than three times the ground I could have covered with horses.

From March 1st until the end of June I attended 74 meetings including Mission Bands, Girls' Groups, Young People's, and Ladies' Aid Societies. Besides these meetings there were several teas, camp committee meetings, the Presbyterial Executive, and three community picnics which of course were attended also, and over 100 calls were made.

I enjoyed the privilege of attending the Alberta Provincial which met in Calgary. Gatherings of that nature always give one such inspiration to go forward to greater service.

At the beginning of May, I reorganized the Summer Sabbath School at Hillsdown which I organized last year and at Brooksley I started a Sunday School which meets every two weeks. The Girls' Group at Willowdale had a very successful strawberry festival on June 8th. They cleared over $30.00. You can just imagine how proud I was of my girls. The weather that day was ideal. In the early evening it was warm and the ice cream was easily sold. Later the air turned cool and the girls met this change quite nicely with good hot coffee and sandwiches. I felt we had much reason for thanksgiving for the success of our first really big affair.

Our Girls' Camp, which was held at Sylvan Lake from July 4th to 13th, is over for another season. This year we had 48 girls. In spite of the inclement weather everything seemed to go off very well. We are hoping within a few years to be able to purchase our own property.

I am writing this as I journey eastward for my vacation, and as I go, my heart aches for many of the people in my own districts. During the past two weeks practically every farmer has had his crop hailed out. I never witnessed such devastation in all my life. In some places the grain was cut off much shorter than a binder would cut it. Gardens were destroyed, windows broken, trees and bushes left leafless, and fowl killed. Of course quite a number of the farmers can bear a loss like this, but there are many who cannot. So as I conclude this report I would ask that you remember my people in your thoughts and in your prayers.

A group of girls who enjoyed camp with Miss Matthews and visitors.

Girls' Camps

Prince Albert, Sask.

THE last three weeks were most interesting. I took three girls down to summer school and they certainly enjoyed it. More of the girls wanted to go but we couldn't finance it. Miss Simpson, from India, was there and when I asked her if she would like to come to camp with us, she was quite enthusiastic. I had to figure some way of getting her from Prince Albert to Weyburn, because our finances wouldn't stand railroad fares. The girls were quite glad to ride three in the rumble in order to take Miss Simpson with us and we arrived in Prince Albert on Monday afternoon and started for camp the next morning.

We had 18 girls the first week, 13 from Prince Albert and 5 from

Melfort, and had quite a busy programme. Rising bell or rather call at 7, morning jerks to warm us up, then a dip, breakfast at 8, tent inspection at 9, Bible study from 9.15 to 10.15, talks on India from 10.15 to 11.15, games till 12. For our Bible study we took a bird's eye view of the Old and New Testaments. The girls were much interested and the hour went quickly. Then in their spare time they memorized the 23rd Psalm, The Apostles' Creed, John 14: 1-6, and the Books of the Bible. It kept some of them quite busy but all but two of them got their emblem for Bible study. Miss Simpson's periods were most interesting and after their study through the winter she made things more real to them.

Each girl was given a blue pennant and then there were emblems for various things, which could be put on the pennant. Beside the Bible study there was one for keeping rest period, and capable and willing help while on the cooking squad. Only one girl got that one, because they simply couldn't stop talking for a whole hour. We had no camp cook so the girls were divided into squads and we had some marvellous meals. Then each girl was tested in her swimming and we had emblems for that—pollywog, frog, fish and flying fish. Most of them became frogs but only a few became fish and two, flying fishes.

We had a water regatta on Saturday afternoon and it was really the funniest thing. Some of the girls had never rowed a boat until they went out there and these boats were just tubs really, even a good rower could hardly keep them straight, but that all added to the fun. Of course we had hikes and treasure hunts, and a general good time. We had a lovely spot for our tents and always ended the day with the camp fire, the girls from one tent being responsible for the programme and for the closing devotional service.

I feel as though it was well worth while, and we were so glad to have Miss Simpson with us. —*Hazel Macdonald.*

Wanham, Peace River District

OUR girls' camp was held from August 1st to 5th, 17 girls were in attendance, 11 from Prestville, 4 from Westvale and 2 from Wanham. We camped at the Burnt River, 12 miles from Wanham and quite near Prestville where was a nice sandy beach and our camping ground was in the shelter of shady trees. It was a new experience to all of the girls and they hope for another next year. Morning watch came first and that was taken in a group, meditating on the Psalms which speak of God's wonderful creation. After breakfast family worship was conducted. Then when tents were tidied we went back to the beach for Bible study. As most of the girls have very little Bible knowledge, we began with an introduction to the Bible, an outline of Genesis, followed by the coming and life of our Lord, from John's Gospel, dealing with the world as created by God before sin entered— Sin and its results—Salvation to be found only in our Lord Jesus Christ. We had good discussions and interest was kept up throughout. We know God's word shall not return to Him void and we hope the seed sown will bring forth abundant fruit. Half an hour was given for recreation, then we went back for memory work, learning the Books of the Bible and Psalm 19. Seven awards were given for completing the same. The missionary study which followed was taken by Mrs. Ledingham on ''Customs and Stories of Life in Foreign Lands''. These were enjoyed by the girls. Fifteen re-wrote the story, five receiving 100 per cent. Bible booklets were given to each of the fifteen to encourage them in further study.

We cooked our meals over an open fire, the girls helping prepare vegetables, set tables, etc., and all did justice to the meals. There was no expense attached to the camp, each girl bringing sufficient food for the five days. After lunch and rest hour the afternoon was spent in swimming, games, treasure hunts, etc., and, in the evening, there was a bonfire around which we sang hymns and choruses, read some more missionary stories, closing with a Bible reading, prayer and one verse of ''Abide With Me'', sung reverently and quietly, after which all were ready for bed. —*Margaret Grigor.*

NEWS AND NOTES

GORDON JUE, son of Christian parents and brother of Miss Hattie Jue of our Chinese mission, Montreal, left for China on August 5th. He was a member of Knox Crescent Presbyterian Church, Montreal, honor graduate in Science of McGill University and was Valedictorian for his class. He went to China in response to letters from Mrs. Burkwall, to take a position as Science Master in a Canton Middle School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wong, Toronto, and their family returned to China on August 15th. The family are products of Cooke's Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Toronto, and Fay was one of the faithful teachers for five years at the Daily Vacation Bible School, Toronto. Lang, the brother, was a faithful worker at the Y.M.C.I., and was presented with a travelling bag when he left. His younger sister, Katie, was presented with a bracelet by the C.G.I.T. girls.

Katie Wong and Jessie Jang, Toronto, were guests at the C.G.I.T. Summer Camp at Vail's Point, and greatly enjoyed it. In Vancouver, six Chinese girls attended the Presbyterian camp and were great favorites.

Miss Phyllis Argall, B.A., has been appointed acting Principal of the Girls' School, Tamsui, Formosa, during the absence, on furlough, of Miss Dorothy Douglas.

Congratulations are extended our India missionaries who have all passed their first and second year language examinations very creditably.

The members of the MacBeth Presbyterian Church, East Selkirk, Manitoba, on the occasion of their second Anniversary took the opportunity of showing the high regard and esteem in which they held Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, their former deaconess, and ''a fine Christian worker and one who showed courage amid many difficulties'', by placing a portrait of her on the wall of the Church.

Some of the young girls in Winnipeg enjoyed a week's camp under the care of Miss Mary Todd, our Winnipeg deaconess.

Miss Grigor, of Wanham, Peace River District, writes: ''The people are all optimistic this year, for the crops promise to be of the best. They have good gardens also, so we may not have so many needy people here this year. Their givings may be increased, also, though out of their poverty many have given abundantly. We have sent in about half of our Budget allocation and $13.50 to our W.M.S. from our Mission Bands and Associate Societies.''

A Call For Western Relief

ACCORDING to the report presented to the Executive of the General Board of Missions, by Rev. H. R. Horne, Synodical Missionary Superintendent, the need of relief in the southern areas of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta is greater than ever. This is due, not only to continued drought, but also to the ravages of grasshoppers. The farmers in this area have practically no harvest and absolutely no fodder for their stock. In a journey of 250 miles through this district, Mr. Horne reports passing bare fields practically all the way. As a result of this condition, families are moving out all the time, seeking a more favorable location. The need of these people is very great. Splendid help has been given in former years and the appeal is made for a continuation of this interest and assistance.

Once more the W.M.S. appeals to the women of our Church to come to our help. The needs are the same as last year:

Children's underwear greatly needed.

Warm clothing for men, women and children.

Blankets and warm quilts (not cotton quilts).

Knitted articles, such as sweaters, scarfs, mitts and stockings.

Warm underwear, all sizes; boots; yarn.

Our women are asked to start work right away but **no shipping must be done until directions are sent down through the Provincials and Presbyterials** as no arrangements have yet been made for the receiving of the bales or parcels in Regina or elsewhere.

These supplies will, of course, be over and above the regular W.M.S. supply work.

The need is great, the call for help is very real.

She gives twice who gives quickly.

GIVE

"GIVE as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if to-morrow
Found you where giving is o'er.

Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look,
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand the offering took."

Christmas Tree Gifts of Summer Schools Presented

WESTMINSTER Church on Bloor Street East, Toronto, was the scene of a very beautiful pageant of the Summer Schools of the Toronto district when they met together to donate the gifts made by the various groups.

The large Church was filled to capacity with children and parents. After the opening services conducted by Miss Eadie, the children formed a procession, and while the audience sang, "As with gladness men of old" marched up the aisle bearing their gifts beautifully wrapped, where they were received by the representatives of the various Mission Boards, and deposited around a pretty Christmas tree.

Mrs. J. A. Langford, on behalf of the Grenfell Mission, voiced the appreciation which she felt in receiving these lovely presents from the children, and told them how much the boys and girls on the lonely Labrador would appreciate them.

Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, of Weston, on behalf of the Women's Missionary Board of the Presbyterian Church thanked the audience, and told them their share of the gifts would go to the work of Miss Frieda Matthews, a travelling Deaconess in northern Alberta. The boys and girls were delighted to hear about Miss Matthew's experiences, and her first attempts to cover her long distances on horseback.

Mrs. Pridham, of the Anglican Church, had a thrilling story to tell about the ship which plies up and down the western coast of Vancouver, and takes gifts and supplies to the scattered folk in the lonely outposts of the north.

Mrs. Saunders, for the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, told the children how much the newcomers to the God's Lake area and other mining districts in northern Ontario would enjoy receiving their share of the gifts from the children of Toronto.

Mrs. Richards, for the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Church, spoke of the great work being done by their missionaries in northern Saskatchewan, and thanked the leaders and pupils warmly for their generous gifts.

After which Rev. J. Little gave an interesting talk on ''It is more blessed to give than to receive'', pointing out the many joys of sharing with others.

After the benediction, a large number of the pupils had their picture taken grouped around the gifts.

Everyone present expressed gratification of the quality and diversity of the many gifts prepared by the children, and certainly the great gathering was ample testimony of the value of the training which pupils receive who attend summer school.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

ON page seventy-eight, of the new Study Book ''Fellow Citizens'', will be found a list of the newer books recommended for reading in connection with the fall and winter programmes. Chapters one and two emphasize the need of our women being informed of world conditions, and the work the Missionary Societies are doing to meet their needs.

DISCIPLESHIP, by Leslie Weatherhead, the author of ''How Can I Find God'', promises to equal the sale of his former book, and certainly in this new book he merits it. For all people sincerely seeking enlightenment on Christian living this book should be of great value. Price in paper, 90c.

THANK-OFFERING LEAFLETS are listed on the back cover of this issue.

AS IT LOOKS TO YOUNG CHINA, by William Hung, is a new book compiled by expert writers and tells of the family, the school, the Church and China as a nation. An excellent base for study of this great country. Price 75c. in paper.

JAPANESE WOMEN SPEAK, the story of the advance of the women of Japan, written by leading women in Japan. Very interesting. Price in paper, 60c.

GOOD-BYE MR. CHIPS, by James Hilton, the novel of the year. Shorter than the average book, whimsical, and tender. This is the nicest book issued for a gift for many moons. It is the kind of book one reads, and re-reads. Price, cloth bound, $1.25.

The Study Books

FELLOW CITIZENS, the new book for Auxiliaries, price 35c., or $3.50 in dozen or half dozen lots.

YOUNG JAPAN, by M. G. Kerschner, the new study book for Girls' Groups, and NINE PROGRAMME TRAILS, by Mary Hill. Combined price, 35c.

FLOWERS IN FAR FIELDS, the Mission Band Book. Price 35c.

CHINA CHRISTIAN YEAR BOOK 1932-33

This book issued under arrangement between the Christian Literature Society for China and the National Christian Council of China, is edited by Dr. Rawlinson of the *Chinese Recorder*, and the contents are contributed by about twenty prominent missionaries, connected with the above organizations. It is therefore a very comprehensive study of the progress of Christianity, in the light of conditions facing China to-day. It clearly emphasizes the fact that there is a definite trend to make Protestantism a part of the life of China, and that it in turn is being made to fit more fully into meeting modern China's needs. China is creating new and compelling opportunities so fast that in the face of the march of communism, to do so will be a terrific task.

Industrial service, rural work, educational work, medical and experimental programmes are all outlined. The great need for literature suitable for Christians to read is emphasized. Flood relief and labor organizations are described. In short, this is one of those rare year books which brim with interesting facts, but being published in Shanghai, it is not being stocked in denominational houses, and is not for sale. One thing stands out clear and that is, Christianity is on the march. Through all facts and pictures, one feels that great truth regarding China, and for it and for the great army of missionaries promoting it, let us be deeply thankful.—L.B.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES AND BRANCHES

I HOPE all branches clearly understand that the Special Campaign Fund closes, by order of Council, on December 31st. There is no need of prolonging this Fund any longer, but a real effort must be made by the key women of all branches to complete this Fund by December 31st.

(MRS. D.) HELEN M. STRACHAN,
Convener.

OUR LETTER BOX

Jobat in July

THE air has been wonderfully cooled with the rain and I feel like working, and have planted several kinds of seeds. Just now we are wondering where this or that kind of flower would look best. All our flower beds are made on rock. The vegetable garden is improving with each year of cultivation. Tomatoes and beans are coming along well, and each day we look for carrots and beets to show themselves. It will be great if we can have these vegetables from our own garden this year.

We are not very busy in the hospital at present. One patient, a young woman of twenty years, suggests that her medicine be changed and that she be given an injection. I don't know where the people get the idea that an injection will cure them but it is requested for everything. One woman would like one for her sprained ankle! There is an epidemic of whooping cough. Many of our children have it. Little Samsen, of the Babies' Home died from an attack of it. It would be a great help if as many Auxiliaries as possible would remember our patients in their prayers.

There is considerable want throughout the district. One would like to help the deserving. We hear a lot about bread and butter Christians. Some people would be quite content to cast all their cares upon us and cease to be responsible for themselves. That is not right. We certainly need to be very dependent on God, and ask Him to lead us aright.

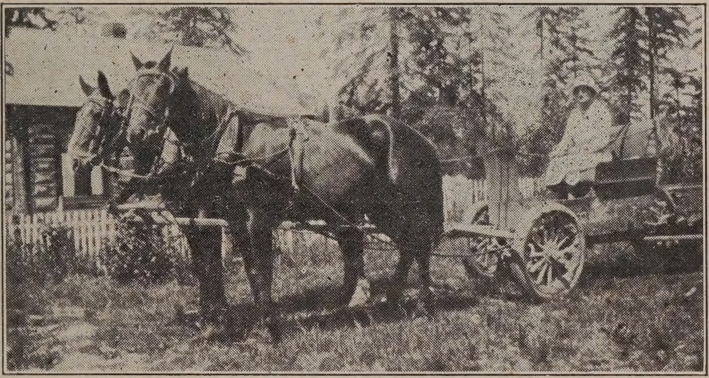
—*Bessie MacMurchy.*

An Uncommon Equipage

"I HAVE my own team of horses and democrat, the latter is an old car with the engine taken out, with a box made to go on the springs, and it certainly is very comfortable and rides very easily on the rubber tires. It is a good size, so we can take the organ, lantern and slides, and any parcels of supplies. The horses are very quiet. I bought one, the other is loaned until they can find a mate for mine. I was told it wouldn't cost any more to get a pair of ponies than one large horse and it would be much better for the long trips I have to make as well as the load I have to carry. I have a man look after the horses as I do not feel like doing that when I come in from these long trips. I am learning to harness and unharness and hitch and unhitch; it is as well to know how to do that. I stayed at Heart Valley for two days and had a few lessons, also rode horseback and think I will get on all right. If I can drive through mud holes such as I have had to do these last few trips, I can drive anywhere. The Prestville road is terrible. It has deep ruts with the water gushing along. Some places I had to make the horses go through. They looked so deep.

Two weeks ago we had quite an experience. I got some one with a democrat and one horse to drive me out. The road was pretty bad all the way but at one point, about three miles from the school house, we saw a pole sticking up in the middle of the road. When we got to it we saw the culvert had been washed out. The driver said, 'I don't know how we can get across this. You had better get out and walk across and I'll try and lead the horse over.' I stepped on a log in the water and held on to the other, which was standing up. Both gave way and I went to the waist in water. I got out with the help of the driver. Both of us were soaked, however, we went on and had Sunday School and service and drove home as quickly as possible. Neither of us were any the worse for our ducking.''

—*Margaret Grigor.*



Miss Grigor, her team and home.

The First Wedding in Our Gonor Mission Church

"THIS is a picture of the first marriage to be celebrated in our Church. All are New Canadians, relatives and friends of the contracting parties, with the exception of the tall figure at the back who looks like a policeman, but is not, only a member of the Winnipeg militia, who is married to the second lady from the left, who is a sister of the groom, but now lives in Winnipeg, and is a member of First Presbyterian Church and takes a live interest in all the activities. The short man in the back row is the father of the groom. The bride's mother, on account of the cold weather was not present. The two bridesmaids are members of our Church as well as the matron of honor on the right. The Church was filled to view the ceremony and to wish the young people bon voyage on the sea of matrimony. The celebrant was the Rev. G. Gunn, lately from Fort McMurray, well known to all parties and much respected. The temperature was all of 10° below zero. The photographer had to stand on a snow bank three or four feet high to get a good focus, so if the interested parties do look somewhat cold, it is not at all their natural temperament.'' —*M. Mackenzie.*

First marriage to be celebrated in our Church at Gonor Mission.

Chinese Work in Ottawa

OUR Chinese work has been established since 1889. At first, there were only 4 pupils. Two of these have returned to China and are still telling their countrymen the story of Jesus' love. The other two have gone to their heavenly home. However, our work has continued. Some schools opened and then closed but we now have a Chinese Mission Hall and the building is nearly paid for.

We have been favored in having Mr. Lee, a Chinese evangelist teacher, help us in the work for two and a half years. During the week he conducts a Chinese School with 12 regular pupils whom he teaches reading and writing in Chinese, also Chinese history, geography and literature from 5 to 7 every evening except Saturday. On Saturday, from 10 to 12, he teaches them the Bible. On Sunday evening, he holds a Sunday School when they also learn to sing some of our lovely hymns.

There are 350 Chinese men, 7 women and 40 children in Ottawa. These are visited regularly, in laundries, cafés and their homes, and the Gospel message given to them. We were very pleased when 4 young men, who had been attending the Sunday School for over 10 years, asked, of their own accord, for baptism and united with Knox Church. While the teachers did good work and were faithful still it really was through the efforts of Mr. Lee that they took this step, as he not only has the language but knows their customs and understands what it means to his countrymen to take this stand. We who are in the work try to do all we can to teach and preach Christ, but our task now is to lead the Canadian-born Chinese children to Christ so that they will bring the light to their own people.

We are privileged to have Miss Dickson come from Montreal every six or eight weeks and we visit the homes together. It cheers and encourages the Chinese women when they hear the Gospel message given to them in their own tongue. —*Katherine Reid.*

Flood Conditions in British Guiana

An extract from a letter from Miss A. W. Aird, British Guiana.

YOU have probably heard of our flood conditions. There were practically no services held all over the Colony during the months of December and January. The people could not come out. The rain came down so hard, just as if a huge bath tub had been overturned. The people have very little clothing, and during the rainy season things are all damp and wet and will not dry, so if you get wet there is nothing to put on . . . Schools and churches were used for housing the victims, except where the churches were under water. A great deal of damage has been done . . . what rice did escape the flooding in the fields was damaged by water getting into the factories, etc. People were sleeping in the open markets. We had some in one of our buildings in Georgetown. The Governor had ordered them to leave the Immigration Building where they had taken refuge, so one of our members who is chief clerk in the office asked us to accommodate them. We were already giving them clothing, food, milk, cocoa, etc. In our school building, at Better Hope, sixty souls were housed, besides food, dogs, chickens, ducks, pigs, sheep, lambs, goats and their kids . . . You would have smiled if you had seen me running about with a mother with twin babies, and three other small children, carrying them to the clinic. And, O dear, these folk are worse than small children! You can carry them to the hospital, but try to make them stay there! As soon as your back is turned they slip out. Still, though you may be cross at them and their foolishness, you can't help loving them.

The W.M.S. Response

Many thanks for your letter of 16th March, also for cheque for $200.00 which the W.M.S. kindly voted for relief work in British Guiana. This was indeed a very welcome gift and will prove a boon to many of our members who find it impossible to get work, we will not hand it out indiscriminately but provide work in some of our Mission grounds so that the Mission as well as the people will benefit.—*Rev. D. Marshall.*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be
How shall we show our love to Thee
Who givest all?

O GOD of Love, at this glad Thanksgiving season we would lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for Thy manifold blessings bestowed upon us:

For the universe with its vastness and riches on land and sea.

We thank Thee.

For the arching sky, the soft blowing winds, the sun by day, the moon by night, and the star studded firmament.

We praise Thee.

For the oceans, lakes and rivers, for rocks and stretching sands, for the hills, trees, grass and flowers, and for the fruit of the land and fish of the sea and the birds of the air.

We thank Thee.

For our senses by which we can see the splendor of the dawn, the glory of the setting sun, hear the jubilant songs of love, smell the sweet perfume of flowers and the breath of springtime.

We praise Thee.

For life and health; for work to do, and strength to do it, and for the daily opportunities for serving Thee.

We thank Thee.

For the joys of home, the love of parents, the loyalty of friends and the intercourse of co-workers.

We give Thee most hearty thanks.

For courage that has come through continued failure, for strength that has been given to overcome difficulties, and for power to trust Thee in sorrow or distress.

We thank Thee.

For our Church and her ministry, for the mission work which has been entrusted to us, and to which we have pledged allegiance, for the missionaries who represent us in the homeland and overseas, for those who have served long and faithfully and now rest from active labor, for those still on the field, those returning after their furlough and those whose furlough has just begun, and for the one facing her life work.

We thank Thee.

And we humbly beseech Thee that all these Thy benefits we may use in Thy service and to the Glory of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

MRS. K. B. SCHROEDER, Young Women's Secretary of Ontario Provincial, sends the following practical methods gleaned from her Presbyterial Secretaries' reports. The Young Women's Auxiliaries of Ontario obtained eight and one-third per cent. increase in membership during 1933 by the use of these plans. Try some of them in your Auxiliary during the coming season.

Ways of increasing membership divided naturally into two groups, first through the interest and effort of senior women, and second through the various activities and friendliness of the young women themselves.

Through the first agency, many of our 22 new organizations were formed. Where the Presbyterial President co-operated with the Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, lending her influence and wise counsel, strong organizations were formed. The minister's wife, with her opportunity for leadership and for gaining the friendship of the young people, was also a tower of strength in the formation of new groups. Then, too, the ordinary Auxiliary member, with sympathy for and an understanding of the modern young woman and her problems, has rendered valuable service in organizing and giving leadership.

In the second case there were many factors. The most outstanding gain came through the efforts of our Young Women's Travelling Secretary, Miss Laura Pelton. Her unique and forceful presentation of the missionary enterprise and her faculty for making young people think, aroused an interest that yielded new organizations that had a permanent quality. Then a Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary finding a group of young people devoting a part of their time to missionary study welcomed the opportunity to affiliate them with the W.M.S.

Graduations from Girls' Organizations and Mission Bands added new groups and separate members to the Young Women's Department.

The personal invitation and friendly interest on the part of young women added many members. One Young Women's Association kept a record of visitors for the year and sent invitations to all to join; one gained through calls by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary, another through attractively typed programmes sent out to non-members. One Auxiliary invited non-members to a supper meeting and one Presbyterial invited guests from every congregation where there was no Young Women's organization to their annual meeting and presented concrete reasons why our young people should be in W.M.S. work.

Programmes made interesting by special Bible study, debates, correspondence with young women missionaries, and addresses on their home life and religion by New Canadians, were effective in gaining and holding new members. Last of all, the supply work was a fascinating service of love to attract new recruits to the ranks of those who strive to fulfil the Divine command, ''Go and tell''. —*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

''I thought that little foreign girls
Lived far across the sea
Until I had a letter from
A Russian girl like me.
'Dear little foreign friend,' it said,
As plain as plain could be—
Now I wonder who is foreign,
That other girl—or me?''

CAMP days are over, and the joys of summer past, and the minds of leaders everywhere are turning to fall programmes. You are perhaps reading the new study book, ''Young Japan'', and saying to yourself, ''How shall I introduce my missionary programmes this year?'' Armistice Day, too, is coming, with its challenge to us all to work for better understanding among nations, and for world peace. From camp comes this idea of a ''Festival of Nations''—presenting to the girls at once the ideal of world peace, and the contribution of missions to world friendship.

Camper at Baden in Hindu costume brought by Miss Williamson.

Two weeks in advance, each group chooses the nation they will represent, discovers what contribution in song or story it has made to the world, and something of the customs and manner of dress. No country should be chosen by more than one group, and Japan should, of course, be included. The leaders gather games of different countries, and plan a simple international menu.

On the appointed evening, the hall is decorated with flags of different nations and each group appears in appropriate costumes. The programme begins with the singing of ''In Christ there is no East nor West'', and with a short devotional service on the theme ''World Friendship''. Each group in turn then parades to display costumes and entertains the other groups with the songs and legends or perhaps a short play. If the groups are few, a longer play might form a part of the evening's programme. As the girls are learning to appreciate the worth of other nations, the leader speaks briefly on world friendship, and of their part in the creating of a friendly world. She speaks of missions as one of the surest ways to promote a better understanding, and the girls easily recognize the part that missions play in world friendship. Older girls might be interested in world peace, and in studying the present obstacles to peace.

The Nations then join in playing games of different countries, and Chinaman and Hindu, African and Russian sit down to enjoy refreshments with a foreign flavor. The forming of a friendship circle, the singing of ''The Day Thou Gavest Lord, is Ended'', and ''Taps'', concludes our ''Festival of Nations''.

Hungarian girl in native costume, Glenmohr Camp.

''Far Peoples'' is an excellent source book to use in planning the programme. If you would like plays, games, or suitable recipes, write to the Girls' Work Secretary. —*O. Mary Hill.*

MISSION BANDS

FATHER WE THANK THEE

ONCE a boy started out alone to walk to his grandmother's house. The country road was sunny and hot, and his bare feet left little prints in the dust. The boy was going to stay with his grandmother for a whole week, so his mother tied his clothes in a bundle for him to carry. There was so much dust in the dry hot air, that some of it got into the boy's throat and made him very thirsty.

''I wish I could have a drink of cool water'', he thought. As he walked he came to a farm yard. The boy could see the barn from the road. He could hear the horses stamp and hens cackle. He looked through the fence and saw a deep watering trough. Some one had filled it to overflowing from the pump under which it stood. The chickens and the sparrows were drinking from the little stream that slipped over the edge and ran down the path. Some pigeons with pink feet came to drink too, and as the boy watched he grew thirstier and thirstier.

He threw his bundle on the ground and climbed the fence. Away flew the sparrows and pigeons. How the chickens ran! The boy lifted the handle of the pump and pushed it down. Clear cool water poured forth from the pump and ran over the edge of the trough. It dropped on the boy's dusty hot feet. How good it felt. He made a cup of his hands and drank and drank.

The boy looked at the old pump for a minute, then took off his hat and bowed. ''Thank you, Mr. Pump, for the good, cool water that I needed.''

''But you must not thank me, Thirsty Traveller,'' said the pump, ''for I only help the cool water to run.''

''Then I thank the cool water,'' replied the boy, and again he took off his hat.

''Ah,'' said the water, as the drops dripped, dripped, dripped, ''the spring up the hillside sends us down to the pump. You must thank the spring.''

''O, do not thank me,'' said the spring, ''I would not be here if it were not for the rain.''

''Well then, I thank the rain,'' and the boy looked up at the soft fleecy white clouds slowly moving across the blue sky, for the boy knew that the rain fell from the clouds.

But the clouds said: ''Do not thank us, but thank the sun. The sun helps us to gather the drops together.''

''Mr. Sun, I thank you,'' said the boy bowing to the round hot sun. It looked like a great, ripe orange in the sky over the hill.

''Stop'', said the sun, ''it was from the ocean that the drops came, I only draw them up and help the clouds.''

Far across the green fields the boy could see a blue line that he knew was the ocean. ''Old ocean, many thanks.''

''No thanks to us,'' roared the waves. ''God made the sun to rule by day and He causeth to come down for you the rain.''

''I see'', said the boy, ''rain fills the spring so full it flows down to the pump so birds, horses and I have cool water to drink.''

He took off his hat again. This time he bowed his head, closed his eyes and said: ''Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the cool water that we wanted so much. There is enough for the birds and pigeons and chickens and boys, and still it runs over. Amen.''

The boy walked on and just as the sun went down he came to his grandmother's house. He told her about his drink at the spring. She shaded her eyes with her hand and looked away across the blue ocean. Then she taught the boy David's song: ''I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.''—From the *Abingdon Press.*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

SYNOPSIS OF LECTURE IX

CORRELATING CHILDREN'S WORK IN THE SOCIAL CHURCH

THIS subject is one of the most difficult and yet one of the most necessary for discussion in any course pertaining to children's work. ''The Need of the Child Should be the Law of the School''.

What are the needs of our children about which every children's organization in the Church should be concerned? They may be stated as follows:

1. Personal relation to God through faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Definite commitment to Jesus Christ and His way of life and love.
3. Daily development of Christian character.
4. Sharing in building a Christian world.
5. Intelligent understanding of, and participation in the work of the Church.
6. A Christian's view of life.
7. Increasing knowledge of and love for the Bible and other religious literature.

Now let us take stock: How many organizations are functioning in our Churches or community to insure that all or some of these children's needs are being met? By what names are these organizations known? How many children do they enroll ? What ages do they include in their membership? What is the specific objective for each one of them? Perhaps the answers to these questions will not be known because little thought has been given to them. Therefore, why not call together the leaders of all the organizations concerned with children's work within the Church to discuss them? Such a plan is wise from two points of view. (1) It gives all the leaders an opportunity to meet in a friendly way to learn about the work being done for children within the Church and by the community. (2) It would provide an opportunity for discussing ways and means of improving conditions for the Christian education of children in the local Church to avoid overlapping and duplication of effort.

Perhaps the old cartoon will prove to be right. It depicted a child of junior age standing in a room surrounded by large hands and each hand was trying to take hold of him. The hands bore such names as: Sunday School, Band of Hope, Christian Endeavor, Junior League, Mission Band, Gymnasium Classes, Junior Choir, Boys' Club and Junior Congregation. The child looked the picture of distraction. He was pulled in many directions.

If, after a careful study, the situation in the local Church proved to be similar to the above picture, it would be wise to call a meeting of the children's leaders. At this meeting a plan of work could be adopted to suit the needs of the children and to include both Sunday and mid-week meetings.

Mission Band leaders would find a meeting of this kind a very great help to them. They would have an opportunity to meet the Sunday School teachers and other leaders and interest them in the Band, they would know what other organizations were studying and doing, they would hear about new pupils and there would be an opportunity to discuss individual children. The object should be, to all work together for the good of the child.

—*B. K. Riddell.*

The above outline is based on the ninth lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada. The subject of the tenth lecture is "The Missionary Leader Needed".

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST., S. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The mid-summer meeting of the Presbyterial took the form of a picnic to St. George's Island. Twenty-four members were present. In the absence of the President, Mrs. R. H. Williams took charge. Mrs. C. E. Jamieson read a letter from Miss Williamson of the Bhil field, India, expressing her appreciation of the kind invitation extended her to visit Calgary Presbyterial on her way across Canada, and which she would endeavor to do.

The Treasurer gave a statement of the financial efforts for the term which was quite encouraging. In order to curtail expenses, it was decided to dispense with the semi-annual meeting this year and, instead, to have the President or some member visit the different Auxiliaries, if desired. It was thought that a greater number of women would be benefited by this arrangement. After business was concluded, a social time was spent in games, etc., which made a very happy ending to the work of the winter term.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

Westminster P.S.—The members of the Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Churches, Vancouver, were privileged to hear Mrs. G. Ledingham tell of her trip to the Peace River district, where our Church is doing such valiant work. She dwelt chiefly on the work of Miss Margaret Grigor, formerly W.M.S. worker in Vancouver. The self-sacrifice and endurance of our missionaries in that field knows no limit and it is our duty to do all in our power to help them. A fine collection of photographs and a good map added greatly to the interest of the address.

Victoria P.S.—A splendid Mission Band rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Mission Band Secretary. After devotions, in which Mission Band members took part, Mrs. Kennedy spoke to the children, commenting on the growth of the Bands since the last rally. Greetings were brought by the leaders of each Band. Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Presbyterial President, gave an inspiring talk on missions. Each Band, including the Chinese Band, contributed some items to the programme. A review of our overseas fields was given by the Gorge Band, who also won the silver star for the scrap book on their study book and, in competition with fifty other Bands in Canada, came second. The memory of Miss Mildred Soutar, late Superintendent of Amkhut Children's Nursing Home, was honored. The exhibit of children's work was most creditable.

For weeks' interest has centred on the 15th anniversary of Knox Church W.M.S., Victoria. Members of the present Auxiliary welcomed old members and the Home Helpers Circle, then they had a devotional service, an address, special music and refreshments. In appreciation of the honor accorded him by different Presbyterian Churches, Adjutant Sharpe, of the Salvation Army, gave an inspirational talk on Nehemiah. Happy speeches were made by members who were present at the beginning of the Church and the inception of the Auxiliary. Rev. J. S. Patterson closed the meeting with prayer.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEO. A. T. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—The twentieth annual meeting was held June 21st. Mrs. Shewan, President, presided. During the morning session departmental reports were received, all of which showed progress had been made. Mrs. Cowan, Boissevain, conducted a question box and a very helpful discussion followed.

Mrs. Shewan gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the 70th Anniversary of the W.M.S. held in Montreal. She spoke of the wonderful spirit maintained under severe difficulties, pointing out that it was Christ's command that the strong bear the burdens of the weak.

Mrs. Patterson and Miss Buckley gave very interesting addresses on the Indian work. Mrs. Flook and Mrs. McCallum brought greetings from the Provincial.

At the evening session, devotions were conducted by Rev. R. H. Lowry, Portage La Prairie. St. Andrew's Church Mission Band, Brandon, presented an interesting programme, after which Rev. J. F. Wedderburn gave an illustrated lecture on, ''The W.M.S. Work From Ocean to

Ocean'', at the close of which he paid tribute to Mrs. McKenzie, of Gonor (whose picture was shown), a missionary who had given forty years' service to the Church. The closing words were by Mrs. McKenzie.

Mrs. J. Martin, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. J. Duffin, Home Helpers' Secretary, of Winnipeg Presbyterial, were guest speakers at the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. and Home Helpers of Knox Church, Selkirk, on August 9th. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Dewar, and was presided over by Mrs. J. A. Gemmel, W.M.S. President. There were 30 present and $5.00 was realized. Following the devotional exercises, a social hour was enjoyed.

St. James Church Aux., Winnipeg, held a successful expense tea in the manse. At their regular meeting Miss Winthrop, of the Sudan Interior Mission, West Africa, told of the work during the past 40 years. She described the early difficulties—inter-tribal warfare, slave trading—and the heroism and perseverance of the pioneer workers, and compared them with the present improved conditions and consequent progress. There are now 240 missionaries and their efforts are meeting with great success.

A successful sectional meeting was held at Morden under the auspices of the Presbyterial. Twenty-two members of the Presbyterial went to Morden by bus, the total attendance was 43, which included a number of ladies from Roland. Mrs. W. J. Martin presided, and gave an account of the Council Meeting in Montreal. A short address, by Mrs. P. J. Campbell, on ''Our Overseas Mission Fields'' was much enjoyed. Brief reports were given by the Secretaries of the following departments—Home Helpers, Library, Mission Band, Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T. and on Deaconess work, by Miss M. Todd.

ONTARIO

Mrs. J. R. Sanderson, 166 Hammersmith Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

WITH the Thank-offering season at hand, let us think on the words of the Master— ''It is more blessed to give than to receive.''

Exchange Department

The Provincial Exchange Secretary would remind Auxiliaries of the helps in this department on, Bible Readings, Thank-offering meetings, Faith and Service, References for Home and Foreign Mission Study. Send requests to your Presbyterial Secretaries. Papers are free, but should be returned when used; others await them.

Valuable information can be gleaned from Dr. Allan S. Reid's comprehensive up-to-date statements on the Home Mission Task of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. These enlightening reports can be had by applying to your Presbyterial Exchange Secretary who will loan them for reference.

The Provincial *Glad Tidings* Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Morgan, 61 Robinson Street, Peterborough, wishes subscriptions in by November 1st. Mrs.

J. R. Hill, former *Glad Tidings* Secretary, **is now Provincial Mission Band Secretary.**

A district rally of Mission Bands was held in St. James' Church, London, Mrs. D. A. Cameron presiding. The Scripture reading was ''Love's Message'', members of several Bands reading passages on Love, others leading in short prayers. Mrs. A. R. Riddell, Toronto, gave an illustrated talk on Formosa, telling the story of George Leslie Mackay, who was born near London. Scrap Books were shown, Mrs. Riddell telling the difficulty in choosing winners from the large display at the Council. London Presbyterial carried off several awards; winning Bands were given blue silk flags with gold fringe to hang in their class rooms. The final touch to this fine rally came with the distribution of ice cream and candy.

Algoma Annual Meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie. Mrs. Adam, Edmonton, was the speaker.

Three successful and inspirational sectional meetings of Lanark and Renfrew were held at McDonald's Corners, Stewartville, and Cobden. Speakers were Dr. Margaret O'Hara, on ''The General Assembly''; Miss Jean McLean, Kobe, on ''Koreans in Japan''; Mrs. Ellen Anderson, ''Council Meeting'', and Mrs. Donald McLean, ''Provincial Meeting''.

The annual meeting of Glengarry P.S. was held in Knox Church, Vankleek Hill, Mrs. E. E. Preston welcoming the delegates. Mrs. P. A. McLeod, in her address summed up the year's work and stressed the fact that personal contact with Jesus is essential to Christian service. Mrs. A. Caldwell, Treasurer and Finance Secretary, gave a comprehensive report, telling of the urgent needs on the different fields that could not be cared for, because of lack of funds. She said many investments made during that time in Christian missions is an investment with God behind it, guaranteeing its safety for time and for eternity. Mrs. C. S. Boots, Smith's Falls, Provincial Vice-President, represented that body, and took as the key words of her message, Work, Pray, Give. Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, a guest speaker, conducted a Mission Band meeting. Forgetting entirely her grown-up audience, she pictured the faces of children as seen in the pansy, naming each color and telling missionary stories relating to each nationality. Miss Burdick, Formosa, special speaker, told of the customs of the people and all departments of the Church's work there. In the evening, she gave an illustrated address. Rev. E. E. Preston and Rev. R. S. Quigley took part in the meeting. Mrs. McLeod, retiring President, was honored by the Executive with a presentation and flowers. Mrs. Mason McLennan is the new President.

From Chatham we hear of a member at Ridgetown, 86 years old, repeating a poem, ''The Martyr's Doom'', memorized 70 years ago. Rev. J. L. W. McLean addressed a special meeting of the Leamington Auxiliary, on ''What is Christianity?''

Sarnia P.S. met at Forest. Miss Burdick was guest speaker. Attendance and reports were good.

At Holstein, Saugeen P.S., a Y.W. rally was held with five groups present. The roll call was answered by the number of members on their roll and the number present at the rally. Miss Mary Hill gave an address entitled ''Heirs of the Past, Debtors of the Future, We Live in the Present.'' Mrs. J. Marshall, Presbyterial President, gave a short address and Miss Armstrong, Durham, said a few words.

Brockville P.S. annual meeting was held in Kemptville, Mrs. J. Riddell presiding. Secretarial and Auxiliary reports were encouraging, especially Mission Bands, Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T. The President's address was earnest in its appeal for greater things in the coming year. Mrs. P. A. McLeod, Maxville, addressed the afternoon session on ''Service'' Rev. J. A. Koffend gave an illustrated lecture in the evening on ''Manchuria''. Special music was given by choir and Mission Band.

North Bay held their annual meeting in Burks Falls. Auxiliaries were well represented. Mrs. T. Firth, President, in her address, took up the work in ''Retrospect and Prospect'', later giving a report of the Council Meeting. Mrs. J. H. Scott gave helpful information from the Provincial meeting. Rev. R. W. Ellis brought greetings from Presbytery. The afternoon and evening speaker was Mrs. Adams, Toronto, who spent many years in China. She told of individual contacts with these people who on accepting Christ themselves become evangelists to their friends. There is a new feeling of optimism and confidence for the work in the coming year.

Section three of Toronto P.S. met in Vaughan, Mrs. A. Cameron presiding. Mrs. W. M. Rochester, Toronto, gave an address; Miss Louise Kerr, her experiences at Glenmohr Camp, and Miss Jean C. McLean, told of her work in Japan. Mrs. J. D. Holman, Toronto, reported on the Council Meeting. A Life Membership pin was presented to Mrs. Wallis, retiring Vice-President.

A real budget of news comes from London P.S. telling of several sectional meetings. At West Lorne Mrs. J. C. McMillan presided. Mrs. Messerschmed gave an interesting reading. The speaker was Rev. F. Goforth, Wallaceburg. At Burns Church, Mosa, Mrs. James Allen, presided. Rev. J. Waldie extended greetings. Mrs. J. Dickson, Dutton, gave a fine report of Provincial. Members also heard with interest Miss McLaughlin, Fingal, on ''What the W.M.S. can give the teen-age girl''. Another section met at Komoka, Mrs. Harvey Davis, Tempo, in charge. Interesting features of work were related by various Secretaries. Mrs. J. Dickson was the speaker. At Hamilton Road Church, Mrs. S. Grosvenor presided. The need of strengthening links between missionary organizations was stressed. The roll call was answered by a member of each Auxiliary telling of some special effort made this year. Mrs. A. B. MacDonald, Ailsa Craig, gave an inspirational address, ''The Pool of Opportunity'' (Bethesda). Mrs. W. E.

Duncan, Library Secretary, tells of appreciation received from those receiving books, magazines and papers.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—On June 14th, the Executive of Prince Albert Presbyterial met in St. Paul's Church. A meeting to which the public were invited was held in the evening when the programme was of a reminiscent nature.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. W. Moore, of Mistawasis, and greetings from Presbytery were given by Rev. R. A. Rowatt, of Tisdale. Mrs. W. S. Moore, who is still laboring with her son at Mistawisis, gave a stirring account of early missionary work in and around Prince Albert. Rev. R. G. MacKay reviewed the historic features in connection with the coming of Rev. Jas. Nesbit and the history of the congregation during the ensuing years. Mrs. R. G. MacKay who had attended the Council Meeting in Montreal, gave an account of the Historic Pageant entitled ''The Shining Years'', which had been presented in a clever manner at Montreal. The organization and important stages of growth and development of the W.M.S. during the last seventy years were splendidly portrayed in this pageant.

Organization of Prince Albert Presbyterial

In February, 1915, Prince Albert Presbyterial was formed with Mrs. (Rev.) A. E. Mitchell as President. During the years 1915-25 five new Auxiliaries were added. In 1919, the contributions were $697 and in 1925 the allocation of $1,500 was exceeded.

Following Church Union, in 1925, it was known as Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial, until 1932, when it was again re-organized as Prince Albert Presbyterial as formerly. It is interesting to note that Prince Albert Presbyterial at the time of its organization in 1932 had the same number of organizations as at the time of its inception.

The delegates sent by the Prince Albert Presbyterial to the Summer School held in the Presbyterian Home, Saskatoon, were Miss Dorothy Foreman, Tisdale; accompanying her was Miss Ivy McCullough from Tisdale Sunday School. The Rev. James Nesbit, St. Paul's Church had a very interesting item on the programme:— ''Resolved that Home Missions are more important than Foreign.'' Some very interesting and instructive points were brought out by both sides, resulting in a tie. Mrs. Benton and Mrs. J. McLeod upheld the affirmative, Mrs. W. McLeod and Mrs. Morgan the negative.

Saskatoon P.S.—Parkview W.M.S., Saskatoon, held a special meeting for one of their shut-in members at the home of Mrs. Lindsay. Rev. W. Pellow, the guest speaker brought a timely message, taking for his topic "Be of good cheer, I believe in God". A goodly number of mothers and babies, also newcomers to the congregation were entertained by the members of the Society at their annual rally day.

At the July meeting of the Luseland Auxiliary, Mrs. A. Kippen, of Salvador, read an article on, "Early Missionary Work in Manitoba". Miss Lily Simpson did deputation work in Prince Albert and Saskatoon during the last two weeks in September.

Treasurer's Statement

August 30th, 1934

RECEIPTS	
Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario"	$ 5.00
Mrs. Langford, "Miss Matthew's Work at Red Deer"	1.00
Mrs. Jos. Henderson, "For Candidate's Expenses".	70.00
A Friend, "Leaders' Camp"	16.25
Refund from Indian Department	267.50
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	4,088.99
Government Grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	4,687.51
Rent of Bungalow in Japan from Eastern Division	30.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	384.00
British Columbia	120.00
Ontario	2,700.00
Quebec	2,000.00
Saskatchewan	270.00
	$14,640.25

DISBURSEMENTS	
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	$ 596.75
Prince Albert	15.40
Government Grant paid to "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	4,687.51
Government Grant paid to Birtle Indian School	4,088.99
Candidates	70.00
Lantern Slides	46.40
Library	13.73
Organization	5.75
Publications	91.05
Student	4.00
New Missionary	9.93
Formosa	20.00
Christian Literature	250.00
Fees	208.35
Exchange	6.91
Administration	153.90
	$10,268.67

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:		
Legacy Fund, Bequest from the Estate of the late Sarah Amelia Gemmill	$100.00	
Sustaining Fund, Sale of McCrea property, Vegreville	56.85	
		$ 156.85
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Legacy Fund, Building Church for Miss Grigor at Wanham, Alta.	$550.00	
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Editorial

A Pre-eminent Message

"WHAT the Church needs to-day is pride in her past, courage in the present, confidence and hope in the future, strong hands and high hearts and humble minds. What we will need is a new song unto the Lord—new because we have to face a new world, and a song because no work can be great and enduring if we do not bring to it a lyrical uplift of heart."

From the closing address, from the Throne gallery, by John Buchan, Lord High Commissioner, at the recent Assembly of the United Church of Scotland.

Youth at the Heart of our Church

PRESBYTERIAN young men and women made history when some 500 of them came from all over Ontario to spend Thanksgiving week-end in convention in Toronto. "The keynote of the conference was personal consecration with emphasis upon greater attainment in personal and collective effort." Knox Church was the meeting place and for three days the delegates took possession of that stately building, and how splendid they were, how keen, how alert, how anxious to fit themselves to be leaders or sharers in Christian work!

There were two speakers—Principal F. Scott Mackenzie, Montreal College, and Dr. A. S. Grant, that great man of the Church who has known the hardship of frontier work and the responsibility of an administrative post. The burden of his message was: "I know only one way to deeper spiritual life, put your shoulder to the wheel, accept the task and continue in the path of service." Following this address the delegates met in groups when methods of conducting Christian work were discussed.

An indelible memory was the Communion Service held in Knox College Chapel at 9 o'clock Sabbath morning. No finer setting for that sacred feast could be imagined, and to this perfect sanctuary the young people flocked—young men and maidens, girls in groups, young men in groups. Sitting far forward one could not see them come, one just heard the steady tramp, tramp. It was the feet of youth! And the sound of their coming never ceased until the Chapel was filled and the doors were closed. The solemn and stately service was conducted by the Rev. Stuart Parker, D.D., minister of St. Andrew's Church, eight elders assisted in serving. There was no sermon. A chapter from the Bible was read, Psalms suited to the great occasion were sung. The minister prayed. The people prayed with him. It was an unforgettable Hour of Holy Communion.

From Knox College they went to Knox Church where the centre pews were reserved for them, and they filled every one. It was the 114th anniversary of the founding of Knox Church and the picture we took away was of the preacher of the day, the Right Reverend J. S. Shortt, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Inkster, the minister of the Convention Church, and the venerable Dr. Winchester, on the platform, the congregation in the side seats and the gallery, and in the HEART OF THE CHURCH, YOUTH.

Nibbling

A LEADER of youth, in Australia, made a very thought stirring statement and one we would do well to ponder over, when he said, speaking of the ''Youth Work in the Church'':

''We are too much spectators in the game of life, and the initiative has been taken out of our hands. Everyone is nibbling for our boys. As soon as they leave school, sports, clubs, fraternal organizations and everyone else are after them. The boy and man power of the Church is taken from us. Perhaps they have more to offer than we have in one direction and we have to take what is left over. We have to get the boys and build them up from an early age and make them feel they are part of our corporate life, and they must surrender individuality to the whole.''

The same is true of our girls, our young women and even some of our older women. The W.M.S. faces this nibbling problem constantly and is troubled when it sees the Church humiliated and her claims treated as an optional subject in life's examination and merely patronage given to her. The Church of the Living God! The Church of our fathers, kept alive by the Spirit of God throughout the ages, has to take second place! Surely we cannot be a party to or countenance such an attitude. While we would never belittle the benefits of sports and clubs and fraternal organizations, we do feel that the call of the Church and her missionary work should come first, and the mothers must set the example.

A Memorable Hour

A DELIGHTFUL interruption in the routine business of the Council Executive took place recently when Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, introduced to the members three furloughed missionaries from India—the fourth a missionary designate to that field. It was a proud moment for the Secretary and a touching one for the members whose thoughts swung back to 1927 when we had a staff of three Canadians in our two India fields; now four are home on furlough and nine remain on the field.

''It is all India to-day'', said the President, as Mrs. McMurrich introduced Mrs. Angus Mackay (formerly Miss Catherine Moodie) teacher in the ''Helen Macdonald'' School, Jhansi; Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N., Superintendent of Jobat Hospital; Miss Marion H. Williamson, Principal of the Amkhut School, and Miss Ida M. McSparron, B.A., under appointment to the ''Helen Macdonald'' School, Jhansi. And what joyous messages these, our representatives, brought.

Mrs. Mackay spoke of the years spent in India as the happiest of her life and rejoiced that she and Mr. Mackay were going back where there were so many opportunities.

Miss McConnell voiced her pleasure at seeing the working of the W.M.S. at home, as she did in deputation work, and her joy at being with the Executive on the eve of her departure for India. She thanked the Executive for her extended furlough, which enabled her to take a course in anæsthesia in Hartford Hospital and thus enrich her equipment for service. ''In 1927'', she said, ''I went to India not knowing what was before me. Now I know, and, while I feel inadequate for the task ahead, with the Apostle Paul I can say 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me'.''

Then in the silence of the Board room, there fell from the lips of the three missionaries the words of the hymn ''Shout Victory for Jesus'', sung in Hindi. Our President had heard it in India and our missionaries had written of singing it on the uplands and hearing the Christians in the beautiful Amkhut Valley take up the strain. To hear it in Canada was an experience wonderful beyond the power of words to describe.

Miss Williamson, who so generously delayed her furlough for a year, received a warm welcome. Naturally she feels that the Bhil field is the best place to work. She referred feelingly to Miss Robson's illness, and the passing of Mrs. D. E. McDonald and Miss Soutar. She told of the steady increase in the attendance at the school in Amkhut, and, best of all, that when the pupils go out they have a reputation for honesty and education. The work of the Children's Nursing Home is going to be far reaching. Miss Williamson expressed the hope that work might be undertaken among the older girls and widows, and in suggesting that a second deputation be sent to the fields, recalled the President's visit, the happy remembrances of which still linger in the minds of the people.

Miss McSparron, our young missionary, told of looking forward with joy to taking the glad message to the people of India and testifying for Christ there. ''It is'', she said, ''a source of strength to me to know that in the home land there is a group upholding me in prayer.''

The President referred to the new phase of work since she was in India—the building of three churches by the people themselves. She feels that one of the duties and privileges of our workers is to identify themselves with the native church, for our missionaries carry in their hands and hearts that which alone can transform the world—the Gospel—the Cross—and the Love of Christ. She assured them of the prayers of our Society and Church, and Mrs. W. A. McLennan, in earnest prayer, commended them to the care and keeping of our Heavenly Father.

At the same meeting we were privileged to hear from our beloved Miss Agnes Dickson. Her message was comprehensive for it took us from New Brunswick where she had visited the Chinese, then to Montreal to see the kindergarten of 29, to a meeting in Detroit where there were 70 Chinese present. One young woman who was teaching the children was a third generation Christian, another was a graduate of a Christian school in Canton. Then to Windsor. Throughout her trip she was struck by the difficulty the Chinese have in making a living, in this time of depression, also the awful isolation of the one to two hundred Canadian girls in Toronto who had married Chinese. She entreated our prayer for all these people.

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At subsequent meetings the Executive has had the privilege of welcoming Miss Lily Simpson of the Jhansi field, and Mrs. Martin, Secretary for Formosa, had the joy of introducing two Formosa missionaries—Miss Dorothy Douglas, Superintendent of the Girls' School, Taihoku, and Miss Margaret Ramsay, evangelistic worker, all home on their first furlough.

A Valuable Historic Record

ST. ANDREW'S Church Auxiliary, Cobourg, Ontario, is to be congratulated, for there has come into its possession a real historic record. Its presentation was the crowning act in a most interesting meeting held to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the organization of the parent Society, which took place in Montreal in 1864. It must have been a proud moment for the President, Mrs. W. Burnett, and the members, when Rev. J. B. Rhodes, the minister, and speaker of the evening, took the opportunity of presenting to the Society in the name of Mr. A. J. Jeffery, of Stratford, the minute book of the first Missionary Society ever organized in St. Andrew's Church.

''This group of women antedates the W.M.S. itself, having been organized as the Female Society for Missionary Purposes, in 1848. The first Secretary was Mrs. Jeffery, the mother of Mr. A. J. Jeffery, and all the financial statements in this old minute book were in pounds, shillings and pence.''

The observance of the 70th anniversary has proved a very helpful event in the life of our W.M.S., and the presentation of this valuable historic record should strengthen our constant appeal to gather and guard the records of the different Societies for the leaders of the great tomorrow.

Gratitude

IN some of our departments we appear to be sowing for the future and are surprised when suddenly the harvest appears. Just to instance. In one of our School Residences there were for some years two sisters. One completed her course and took a position. The other has entered a large city hospital to train as a nurse. In a letter to the Secretary of our Residences an older sister, after expressing gratitude to the W.M.S. for the opportunity given her younger sisters to complete their education said, ''All obligation to the Residence will be met by my sisters when they earn.''

Frontier Work Strengthened

OUR members will be delighted to learn that they are to have a definite share in our frontier work. Wanham, Peace River District, Alberta, where our missionary deaconess, Miss Grigor, is rendering such splendid service, is to have its own Church. On Sunday, October 14th, the building was dedicated. Our readers will notice in the Treasurer's statement that the gift of the W.M.S. erected this Church. The story of the dedication will appear in a later issue.

Congratulations

MACKAY-MOODIE.—At Gordon Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, British Columbia, on September 10th, 1934, by the Rev. R. J. Douglas, D.D., Synodical Missionary Superintendent, assisted by Rev. D. J. Donahue, B.A., minister of the Church, and Rev. C. P. Young, missionary on furlough from Mendha, India, Catherine M. Moodie, to Angus A. MacKay, both of Jhansi, India.

Mrs. MacKay, previous to her marriage, was a member of the W.M.S. staff and taught at the ''Helen Macdonald Memorial'' School in Jhansi. Mr. MacKay was a teacher in the Boys' School, under our Church, in the same field. Although we regret the withdrawal from our staff of such an efficient worker as Miss Moodie proved herself to be, we are delighted that her marriage does not take her from her field. The best of good wishes are extended these young people who are facing a life of missionary service together.

Home Mission Records

WE are indebted to Mrs. George Gall and Mrs. C. R. Peckover, Toronto, for the annual reports of the Women's Home Missionary Society from 1905-14 and for the following *Home Mission Pioneers*—

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1908—March.

We would be grateful to friends if they would supply us with the missing numbers or complete sets, also the annual reports from 1903-1905.

What Exactly is the W.M.S.?

THE Women's Missionary Society, generally called the W.M.S., is a company of Christian women, girls and children, united in the effort to give to women, girls and children of non-Christian lands, and of our own land, the privileges and blessings which the gospel of Christ has given to us, to extend our sympathy, to give of our means according to our ability, so that missionaries may be sent with the good news of salvation especially to those who are, as one has expressed it, "in misery of body, mind and spirit", to pray individually and together for the work at home and abroad, that our representatives may be helped and guided, that the people may receive the message gladly, and be won for Christ's Kingdom. Its present membership, according to the 1933 report is 46,498. This represents only a portion of the women of the Presbyterian Church who might connect themselves with our Society. Much therefore remains to be done in interesting and seeking to gather in those who still remain outside.

The Society consists of a Council, Provincial Societies, Presbyterial Societies, Auxiliaries, Home Helpers, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations, Mission Bands, and Associate Societies. One of the rules of the Society is that no branch should be organized within a congregation without first communicating with the session concerned.

The relationship of the Women's Missionary Society to the General Assembly is through its Council Executive, which in whole or in part is a constituent part of the Assembly's General Board of Missions.

Although for many years the Mission Boards of the Church have been united, the W.M.S., as such, works as two separate and distinct sections—the Western Division which includes all the organizations from Eastern

Quebec to the Pacific Coast. Those of the Maritime Provinces form the Eastern Division. This explains the initials—W.D. and E.D.

The Council

The Council is the administrative body of the W.M.S. It consists of: a Council Executive elected annually by the General Assembly; the President and two officers or their elected substitutes from each Provincial Board, and three representatives from each Provincial Society; the President of each Presbyterial Society or her elected substitute.

The Council authorizes its Executive, in whole or in part, to act as one of the constituent parts of the Assembly's General Board of Missions, and the Council receives through it, those mission policies relating to the Women's Missionary Society which have been formulated by the General Board of Missions.

The Council officers include, a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer and other officers as shall be necessary. These are elected annually by ballot after nomination at the first meeting of the Council Executive following the General Assembly. The President does not hold office for more than four consecutive terms. The Presidents of Provincial Societies are also, by virtue of their office, Vice-Presidents of the Council.

The Council, which meets biennially, or the Enlarged Council Executive, which meets in the interim, receives the annual reports of its Executive; gives instructions for the ensuing year, receives reports from all Provincial Societies; considers the interests and requirements of the whole Society as presented in these reports; deals with all estimates for the work in accordance with the policies formulated by the General Board of Missions, and transacts any other business that the interests of the Society demands. The estimates for the work and the disbursing of the money is under the control of the Council Executive by authority of the Council.

The Council Executive*

The Council Executive is composed of 35 members, 6 of these being Presidents of the Provincial Societies, and 29 chosen from those members best situated to do the executive work of the Society. The Council Executive is nominated by the Council and elected by the General Assembly.

It is the medium between the General Board of Missions and the Council and takes oversight of the work during the year and administers it in accordance with resolutions of Council, reports the work of the Society to the General Assembly, receives all applications from candidates for mission work, makes appointments, designates fields and fixes salaries.

Provincial Societies

Provincial Societies are organized in each province and are, as far as possible, coextensive with the province. They carry out the recommendations of the Council; endeavor to further the Society's work in their own territory and organize such Presbyterials or branches of the Society as may be practicable. They receive reports from all their organizations. These are embodied into a report which is sent to the Council and to the Clerk of Synod, for information.

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* For a full account of the work of the Council Executive see the article "How the W.M.S. Wheels Go Round", in the October issue.

The business of the Provincial Society is conducted by a Board of some 10 managers. Presbyterial Presidents are *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Board of Management. An Executive Committee appointed by the Board of Management transacts such business as may require attention between the stated meetings of the Board.

The Provincial Societies meet annually. They determine the delegation which shall attend and the voting power of their membership. Provincials may make additions to their By-laws provided such additions are in harmony with the Constitution and By-laws of the Women's Missionary Society.

Presbyterial Societies

A Presbyterial Society is composed of all Auxiliaries, Y.W. Auxiliaries, Junior Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, Girls' Organizations, Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups and Associate Societies within its bounds. Its purpose is to organize and foster the different branches of the Society in every congregation; diffuse missionary intelligence and stimulate missionary interest. It receives annual reports from all branches within its bounds and from these prepares a report of the Presbyterial Society which is sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Society.

The officers, as in the Provincial, are a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and such Secretaries as are necessary to carry on the departments. The business of the Presbyterial Society is conducted during the year by an Executive composed of the Presbyterial officers, Presidents of Auxiliaries, Y.W. Auxiliaries, Junior Auxiliaries, Leaders of Girls' Organizations, C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands. If desired, a sub-executive may be appointed from this body.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterial is held when possible, in connection with the stated meetings of Presbytery. At this meeting officers are elected, reports received from the various Secretaries and an abstract of these reports is prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and presented to the Presbytery for its information.

While all the members of the different branches are welcome to attend the annual meeting, only accredited delegates are entitled to vote and to entertainment. This delegation, in brief, includes the officers or their elected substitutes and two delegates, except in the case of the Mission Band which is entitled to send its President or Superintendent and two delegates, and Girls' Organizations, Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups and Associate Societies who are represented by their Presidents.

This, in brief, shows the organization of the W.M.S. and its link with the congregation, Synod, Presbytery and Assembly.

The individual member is the heart of the Women's Missionary Society. Each member—be she woman, girl or child, represents one beat of the great heart of our Society. A heart that misses beats is organically diseased. It therefore rests with every member of the W.M.S. to say, I will do my part to keep the W.M.S. healthy by never missing a beat.

The W.M.S. works in Canada, India, China, Japan, Formosa and British Guiana by means of missionary evangelists, teachers, doctors, nurses, deaconesses, hospital visitors at their various posts in evangelical, educational, medical and social activities in the home land and overseas. A list of the different departments through which the Society works with the name and address of each Secretary will be found on the inside cover of the *Glad Tidings*, and a list of our missionaries and their addresses in the Annual Report. *—M.C.G.F.*

Short Term Bible Class for Women in Manchuria

Mrs. W. G. Davis, Taonan

THE Short Term Bible Class for women, held in Taonan in the spring, lasted six weeks and was most profitable. We had twice as many students as last year. If the number increases like this we will wonder where to accommodate them. There were about thirty students and they represented at least fifteen centres. We get various types and grades, but we have one great unifying objective, and that is witnessing—Broadcasting the Message. All that we give in class, is given with the purpose of reaching not only these before us, but also the widely scattered groups represented by them. Hence we try as far as possible to give teaching in a form that can be easily passed on, in fact, a good slogan for the class would be ''Pass it on''. The women respond to this, and quite understand that they are not here merely for their personal blessing, but in order to become channels of blessing and life to others. The students worked hard during the six weeks. They felt the time was too short, but were determined to make the best of the opportunity. They returned to their homes well supplied with illustrated posters and tracts, messages for both Christians and non-Christians, and with an enthusiastic purpose to give forth the Message. And so the streams of blessing grows.

One young woman was converted just before our Class last year. We held a week's meetings in her home town, a newly opened place. She had not heard the gospel before, but felt there was not much in the world to really satisfy the heart. When she heard about Christ she realized He was the One she needed. Her decision was real and lasting. After the week's meetings she wanted to go with us to the Short Term Class at Chen Chia Tuen. Her mother, though not a Christian, was willing. Her teacher offered to give $5.00 toward her expenses but a brother who was not a Christian objected saying, ''A nice girl like that going off with strangers, who knows what will become of her!'' The young Christian was disappointed, but did not press the matter. She said, ''Anyway, whether I can go to the Class or not, all my life I will never leave the Lord Jesus''. It was wonderful how Christ laid hold on that precious life in that one week. Since then she had led nearly all the members of her family to Christ, the brother who objected to her attending the class among the number. A younger sister and niece, both aged eighteen, and well educated, came with her to our class this year. These three young women were most enthusiastic students. As soon as they returned to Chen Tong they started Bible Classes for the women and girls. There are many girls, students in the government school there who know these three girls, and are glad to come to their classes in Bible study.

Two of our students are now out preaching in what was formerly a bandit centre. There are several villages, and there is a remarkable movement toward Christianity in that section. They went well supplied with posters and tracts from our class. They are earnest and capable and make a fine team. We hope to hear good reports from them.

We are so glad to report that we are securing two first-class Bible women graduates. These are trained both to preach and to teach the Bible and these will be invaluable to us.

Mr. Lee Feng San is back from Mongolia. He wants an illustrated tract printed, with the text John 3: 16 in Mongolian—a nice item for the Christian Literature fund. We much appreciate the $100 sent by the W.M.S. for literature. We do need so many tracts. Mr. Lee gets no salary—works by faith, and yet he could give me ten dollars toward the printing of this tract. Since he wants 10,000 tracts this amount will not cover it. Mr. Lee wants nice colored paper used, so the Mongols will tack up the tract on their walls, instead of letting them be lost or destroyed.

We do appreciate the help that the Women's Missionary Society is giving, and we feel that the money is going right into the heart of the Women's work and bringing good returns.

A THANKSGIVING

''LORD for the erring thought,
Not into evil wrought,
Lord for the wicked will
Betrayed, and baffled still;
For the heart, from itself kept,
Our thanksgiving accept.
For ignorant hopes that were
Broken to our blind prayer;
For pain, death, sorrow, sent
Unto our chastisement;
For all loss of seeming good,
Quicken our gratitude!''

Manchuria

Notes on the Work there by Allan Reoch

THE work in Manchuria has made splendid progress this year. A great many have memorized the golden texts, the names of the Books of the Bible, the Apostles Creed. A number have committed to memory the Westminster Shorter Catechism. A year ago, two Mongolian girls memorized the Gospel of St. Matthew. To all those who memorized, pictures were given as a prize. These pictures, etc., have been sent from many Mission Bands and Societies.

In spite of the fact that, due to the depression, funds have been low, our work has not suffered. The Chinese Christians have risen to the occasion and shouldered a great deal of the running expenses. Churches have been built in Taonan, Tailai, Wang Ie Miao, T'ungliao, and Szepingkai. Two or three other places are also erecting buildings. This will relieve the mission finances considerably. It also shows that the Christians in those different centres are getting stronger and taking an increasing interest in the work.

In June, we held a short Bible school in Szepingkai for the young preachers and leading laymen. There were some 50 in attendance. We hoped in this way to train some of the Christians to teach the new groups of Christians being formed in so many places.

Last February, a couple of recent converts went to their home village and were the means of leading a large number of their relatives and friends to Christ. In another district we have had a wonderful opportunity for preaching the Gospel. Many of the leading farmers in that district sent us an invitation to go and teach them the Christian religion. It is difficult to say how many believers there are in that district now but over 20 small temples have been destroyed by the new converts turning from their idols. One young man who was a notorious scoundrel and a terror to the countryside has repented and made 95 marks on an examination on the Book of Daniel. Another man who was also engaged in plundering the countryside has become a Christian and teaches a Sunday School class. A preacher who has been greatly used in that region is Tang Toh Hai. Before his conversion he was a notorious gambler. He had a terrible temper and I heard him say that in those days if anyone stole a pumpkin off his window sill or a chicken from his yard, he would stand on the house top for three days swearing at the neighbors. Now he uses his flow of language in telling out the Gospel story and is greatly used. Thus the Gospel goes forth conquering and to conquer.

The Princetown Female Society for Propagating the Gospel

The First Report of the Princetown Female Society for the Years 1825 and 1826

MRS. MURCHISON, MALPEQUE, P.E.I.

COMMITTEE for the first two years:

Patroness: Mrs. C. Stewart.
Treasurer: Mrs. Keir.
Secretary: Miss Mary Stewart.

Ordinary Committee:

Mrs. Pidgeon, Miss Mary Ramsay, Mrs. Geo. Bearisto, Miss Penelope McNutt.

Rules of the Society:

I. This Society shall be denominated the Princetown Female Society for Propagating the Gospel, and other religious purposes.

II. All persons subscribing the sum of one penny or upwards, per week, or making a donation of five shillings or upwards at one time, shall be members of the Society.

III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a committee to be chosen annually, consisting of a Treasurer, Secretary and not less than four other members eligible for re-election and under the patronage of such other honorary members as the Society or committee shall select and obtain.

IV. The committee shall meet once a month, or oftener if necessary, on a day to be fixed by themselves, and three members are empowered to act.

V. A general meeting of the Society shall be held annually on the Monday after the dispensation of the Lord's Supper at Princetown, in June, when the accounts (as audited by the committee) shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year reported, a Treasurer, Secretary and committee chosen for the ensuing year, and the funds appropriated.

Report:

''The present age is distinguished by active zeal for doing good. Many are running to and fro, and knowledge is everywhere increasing. The angel having the everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, is now seen in the midst of heaven bearing the word of life in all directions. Societies having for their object the glory of God, and the best interest of mankind, have been formed and are in active operation in almost every part of the Christian world. Much good has already been done by these Societies, and there is ground to hope that, with the other means of Divine appointment, they shall continue to operate until all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Your Society has been formed with a view to attain what ought to be the great object of all—the glorifying of God by doing good. And your committee have now to report its proceedings for the two first years. This may be done in a very few words as, by the last rule the funds are to be appropriated by the general meeting. Nothing was done the first year except making the Society more extensively known, collecting subscriptions —at the first general meeting in June, 1826, the sum collected was found to be £21, 16s. Of this sum £10 were appropriated to the purchase of Bibles and Psalm Books, to be sold to such persons as might require them and the remaining sum of £11, 16s. to be given to a missionary having the Gaelic language, who might visit the destitute settlements in the Island. The Bibles and Psalm Books were procured and sold and the money returned to the funds of the Society, and as no missionary came to the Island, £11 of the money appropriated to that purpose were voted by the general meeting in June, 1827, to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia for missionary purposes. At the same meeting £10 were voted for Sabbath School books, to be given to the schools that were or might be established within the bounds of the Princetown congregation, and £8, 12s. for Bibles and Psalm Books to be sold in the same manner as in the preceding year. Of these, a Bible and a Psalm Book have been given to persons in destitute circumstances, and the money received for the rest that have been sold is returned to the funds of the Society.''

Then follows a list of 115 subscribers averaging from 1 shilling to £1 13s. 2d.

''Abstract of account—1825–1826.

Received—			
Subscriptions	£36	17s.	0d.
Donations	4	6	10
Total	£41	3s.	10d.
Paid—			
To Missionary purposes	£11	0s.	0d.
To Sabbath School Books	10	0	0
To Sabbath School Books, Charlottetown	0	16	0
To Gift of Bible and Psalm Book	0	12	4
Balance on hand in money and other articles belonging to the Society	18	15	6
	£41	3s.	10d.

—*The Missionary Messenger.*

The Abidingness of William Carey

By the Rev. F. G. Hastings, B.A.

On June 9, 1834, William Carey died. This year is therefore the centenary of the close of his great life.

What did Carey take out with him to India in 1793? Normally estimated, very little indeed. Practically no money. In education, almost entirely self-taught. No imposing family connections, and no influential friends. And a very uncertain prospect of permission to set foot in the land of his destiny. Merely an unconquerable faith! Merely a grim tenacity, unending patience, latent ability, and aptitude! Merely!

With what record of accomplishments did Carey die? Few, if any, have ever rivalled them. The unstinted respect and confidence of India's highest officials. An illustrious record as Professor of Sanskrit and Bengali at the College of Fort William. A world-wide reputation as a botanist. ''The Founder of Modern Missions''. A virile and grateful native Church. Asia's foremost College, at Serampore. A wide range of translations of sacred writ. A truly great bequest to mankind!

But his greatest legacy is the abidingness of his work and influence. What he left is itself amazing enough, but that still it should be potent, and all mankind sharing it, is its surpassing glory.

Look first at his literary accomplishments. The sacred Scriptures, whole or in part, in over thirty different tongues. He was not a translator merely, he was a thorough master of the languages he used, including the original tongues of the Bible. In many cases he produced standard grammar books.

Or again, his educational work. The College at Serampore is its glorious climax. Its building was spoken of as ''the noblest of its kind in Asia.'' And every penny of the £15,000 cost provided by the missionaries themselves. Moreover, possessing a Charter for the granting of degrees in all faculties. Yet all this might easily have come to nought with the coming of the next generation. But there was a far-sightedness in its basis and curriculum which has made it abiding. First, it is a College for India, for India's darkness will be dispelled most naturally by her own educated sons. Second, within its doors it explicitly revoked caste. India's poorest and humblest might come, and with Christ's royal welcome. Third, its curriculum was catholic. Education was one thing, theological education only its most cherished branch. Fourth, the queen of its Faculties, Theology, was for all denominations. It was Christ India needed.

This wide curriculum and broad administration was no shallow liberalism. It was like the ''wideness of the sea''. Carey had sounded the mind of Christ and of India fathoms deep, and so outspanned the opinions of his time. No wonder then Dr. George Howells, his more recent successor, said that ''the lines they so clearly marked out as the basis for an Indian Christian University are those which commend themselves to to-day's most progressive missionary thought''.

And once more his evangelizing work. In his first letter home he writes: ''We are to-day making application to the Governor for uncultivated lands to settle upon, which (if we can obtain them) will be an asylum for those who have lost caste for the Gospel's sake.'' A complete Christian care for Christ's Indian sheep. Truly enough, evangelism is firstly preaching. Carey did that unceasingly. But it is more. It is ''planting the Gospel.'' Seven years passed ere God gave him his first convert. Carey's vision was of a Christian India to be, and Christ's Spirit taught him first to gain a true understanding of India.

The secret of this abidingness in Carey's ministry to India lay in Carey's own walk with God. His work is abiding because he himself was completely and entirely consecrated. He knew the One Who Himself knew most intimately the soul of the East. From Carey's love of Christ came his love of India, deep and intense, and as by its motive he yielded utterly his great powers of mind and will to dispel her darkness, he learned to know her with that sensitiveness and sure instinct that have made his judgments and work of abiding value.

And so we commemorate the centenary of his passing. From nothing he bequeathed to the world a great legacy. A hundred years has not exhausted it. Indeed, the passing of the days only finds how rich we are. How much more, even yet, have we to learn from him?

—*The British Weekly.*

Robert Morrison

THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH REMEMBERED IN CHINA

''I WAS glad that I was able to go to Synod meeting this year. It was held for the first time in Macao, instead of Canton as usual. This was because August 1st, 1934, is the hundredth anniversary of the death of Robert Morrison, the first missionary to China, whose grave is in the little Protestant cemetery in Macao. He was sent to China by the London Missionary Society and the request to hold Synod in that city and combine it with a Memorial Service, came from that Mission. It was a good idea, and was a witness in this old R. C. and Portuguese city, the Monte Carlo of the East, 'where is Satan's seat.' The only two Chinese Protestant churches there are a former London Missionary Society one, now Church of Christ in China, and a Baptist one, both quite strong in spite, or perhaps because, of the dark surroundings. There was an exceptionally large and representative attendance at Synod, both of missionaries and Chinese.''—*Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall.*

How Much?

How much are you thankful?
I'm thankful a penny,
I will not give more, if I have to give any;
They're all the time begging for folks 'cross the sea,
Where I never have been, and I don't want to be!
They gave me this box, and I must put in some,
But I'll keep all the rest for the "Heathen at home!"

How much are you thankful?
I'm thankful a dime;
I think that's good enough to give all at one time;
It's a good cause, of course, and the need's very great,
But I've other expenses that simply can't wait;
I must have new ribbons and gloves, that is clear;
I guess that the heathen can wait one more year!

How much are you thankful?
I'm thankful a dollar;
'Twould be more, but I'm only a mission school scholar;
It was hard saving this, from the little I had,
But nothing I've done ever made me so glad;
For I know that the Bible means blessing to me,
And I want to help send it far over the sea.

How much are you thankful?
I'm thankful a prayer;
I didn't have money to send over there,
But I've asked every day that the news might be sent
With teachers and preachers to tell what it meant;
And I know I was heard by the Father above,
Who grants what we ask for in faith and in love.

How much are you thankful?
I'm thankful a life;
I've heard about lands full of sorrow and strife,
Of minds deep in darkness, and hearts full of woe—
And I've heard the command of my Lord, who says "Go!"
For His goodness and mercy and promise divine,
A life is small payment! O Master, take mine!

—*Lutheran Woman's Work.*

Honor Accorded Miss Margaret Best, M.A., of Pengyang, Korea

BY MISS GLADYS MURPHY, KOBE, JAPAN

FROM June 30th to July 3rd the American Presbyterian Mission in Korea celebrated the 50th anniversary of their mission in Seoul, Korea. Miss MacDonald and I were present and I have never attended anything more inspiring than those meetings. There were morning, afternoon and evening sessions, but not a minute dragged as the programme had been carefully planned and was brimful of interest.

The papers read covered almost every phase of work carried on during the fifty years and it would be hard to say which was the best for each one was concise, to the point, and most interestingly written.

On Tuesday the meeting reached the high-water mark. At noon, Miss Margaret Best, Principal of the Women's Higher Bible School, in Pengyang, gave a paper on ''Fifty years of Women's work in Korea.'' Tracing the history of these years, more than thirty of which have been directed by herself, she showed how the foundation had been laid and continued firm and sure on the Word of God and thus she was able to give instance after instance showing the mighty workings of the Divine Hand as well as to express high hopes for the future.

At the conclusion of this paper, Dr. Holdcroft took the chair. Then, without delay, ten or fifteen people, in college caps and gowns, came in and Dr. Holdcroft donning a cap and gown announced that he, as the representative of Park College, had been commissioned by that college, to confer on Miss Margaret Best, M.A., the degree of LL.D. Somehow to this wonderful woman, who has given such a wonderful service it seemed most fitting and nothing could have been more strikingly impressive than the simple ceremony which followed. When they had put on the cap and gown all sang, ''Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.''

The afternoon and evening meetings were equally inspiring and the discussions most helpful. I wish you could have heard the older missionaries recount the wonderful experiences of the great revival that swept over Korea twenty or twenty-five years ago. Then, too, as they discussed the possibilities of such another revival, I wish you could have experienced the spirit of quiet that came over the whole gathering, surely it was a benediction from above.

Towards the close, on the third day, papers were given on ''Present Day Problems'', ''The Economic and Social Situation,'' etc., and finally, a very wonderful paper entitled ''The Forward Look''. All were full of food for thought, all bespeaking hope and encouragement for the future presenting a challenge equally as great as that which the pioneers faced fifty years ago.

I am glad to be able to report that up to the present our mission to Koreans in Japan has been able to hold the fort without reducing the work in any way. In these hard times that is much to be thankful for but we trust the time is not far distant when we can reach out and grasp the opportunities that are awaiting. Here and there all over the land Christians are calling out for leadership and so much could be done if we could send consecrated workers into such places. If we could only reach them as soon as they come over from the homeland there would be much more chance of avoiding these evils. After they are engaged in such practices it is almost impossible to reach them. In the face of such circumstances how can we do anything else than move forward? Above all let us increase the volume of prayer, for prayer can and will break down the strongest barriers, and in this great ministry we may each have a very wonderful part, the results of which Eternity alone can tell.

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Our W.M.S. would extend their warmest congratulations to Miss Best on the well deserved honor conferred upon her. Our readers are, of course, aware that the Bible women, engaged in our work among Koreans in Japan are drawn from the Women's Higher Bible School of which Miss Best is the esteemed Principal.—*Editor.*

Farmer in Famine Land Returns Ring Found in Gift Coat

THERE was a certain man who went into the far fertile land of Saskatchewan; and he had great herds and his land brought forth abundantly and he and his household prospered, for he had a good farm.

And behold he said unto himself ''I will grow more,'' and he gathered unto himself great tractors and much wheat and he scattered the grain, and it sprouted and gave promise of a rich harvest—

But no rain fell and it withered and dried up, and when the time of harvest came the crop was so scant that he turned his herds upon it to pasture.

Next spring he bought fresh seed and scattered it in the land which had been moistened by the snows of winter. And the grain sprouted and grew green; but lo! the sun blazed and rain fell not, and again his fields withered and came not into fruit.

And he sold his cattle, for he had no food for them. But he was a provident man and he had laid up silver in the bank, and he drew it out and bought food and fuel for his family.

Spring came a third year, but he had neither money nor seed, and he applied to the government for help, and again he went forth scattering the good wheat which the government supplied, hoping for a crop; but a great multitude of grasshoppers came over the land and did eat up the new grain—and he was without either food or money, and his clothes were in tatters.

And behold the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toronto heard of his plight and sent bales of clothing which the missioner distributed to the farmer and his neighbors.

And he put on the warm coat which fell as his portion of the gift, and he lifted up his eyes unto heaven to give thanks and behold, as he folded his hands over his heart he felt within the pocket of the coat a lump, and he put in his hand and brought forth a golden ring; and he said unto himself:

''This is a gift from heaven!'' And he looked upon the ring and he considered and he called his family and he said unto them:

''This signet ring has come unto me in a kindly way, and while I know not the donor thereof, it may be very dear to him. I will take it to the missioner.'' And he arose and walked many miles to the rector's house and did charge him that he return the ring to the owner thereof.

And the missioner sent it to the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of Toronto, which now holds it awaiting him who gave his coat to the Saskatchewan farmer—for there was a famine in that land.

—*Mail and Empire.*

Western Relief

THE October issue of *Glad Tidings* brings the need of supplies of clothing for Western Relief to the attention of our members. The various articles needed are listed, but we would like to stress the need of clothing for children of school age who naturally wear out two outfits to every one an adult would use. Underwear is also a great necessity. Garments for making over are quite acceptable. These might be ripped, washed, pressed and securely fastened together. Some one with her ''needle and shears'' will make a new garment to fit some particular need.

The following suggestions are culled from Mrs. Horne's report given in June issue of *Glad Tidings.*

1. Footwear should have size marked plainly on the sole, and be tied in pairs.
2. Size tags tied to garments.
3. Send bales containing articles to be used as Christmas gifts **early,** so that these may be distributed where needed in time for Christmas.

Clothing should **not** be placed in food cars.

The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways are again granting free transportation on bales of used clothing for ''*Western*

Relief''. Bales may be shipped from Presbyterial centres or direct from Auxiliaries or congregations. The address for bales is the same as last year: Mrs. H. R. Horne,

1160 North Broad Street,
Regina, Sask.

For the past three years the women of the Presbyterian Church have responded most generously to the appeal for clothing for our Western neighbors. We believe that when our women realize the need this year they will make a real effort to go ''The Second Mile''.

A Frank Statement About Finances

MRS. D. STRACHAN

COUNCIL Executive have asked me to make a synopsis for *Glad Tidings* of a financial statement given to Council Executive two weeks ago, so that every member of the Society may have it clearly in mind that an effort must be made in order to balance our accounts when our financial year ends.

On August 31st, our balance was $14,870. But in September we spent $16,967, which left us overdrawn and with two large bills still to pay. September is a heavy month for our foreign drafts go out, the Annual Report, and outgoing missionaries' tickets must be paid, in addition to the regular salaries and expenditure. Our receipts for September, applicable to estimates, were $4,662, which will not meet October expenditure by a long way.

A comparative statement to September 30th, 1934, shows expenditures $112,195 as compared with $107,620 at the same time in 1933. This difference is explained by two items, the Council Meeting and exchange. For the same period Provincial receipts are down $2,264, so we are $4,575 up in expenditures and $2,264 down in receipts. It can readily be seen we will have a struggle to get through October.

True, we can borrow from the Sustaining fund which stands at $31,507, but remember we must see to it that there is sufficient in the Sustaining fund to meet any emergency. It has been stated very often that we need about $50,000 to swing us during the year. Our bank balance is gone and we are loath to borrow from the Sustaining fund knowing that under present conditions we could not repay it.

We are making this statement that we may work and plan together and see to it that this state of affairs is made right. This is a matter for every member to consider. The large proportion of our money comes in November and December and I have abundant confidence in our women that they will do their best. My own fear is lest, having accepted a lowered allocation for 1934, some members in our branches should feel they do not require to give what they did in 1933. I hope this statement may remove any such idea and that once again our Women's Missionary Society will prove herself worthy of the trust committed to her.

Hungarian Work at Bekevar, Sask.

MRS. FRANK KOVACS

OUR work covers Bekevar, Whitewood and vicinity. Bekevar, which means Peace-fort, is a Hungarian farm settlement—about 20 miles square, including the railway town of Kipling, which is about 18 miles from our Church.

The colony consists of about 200 families who are mostly Presbyterians and is very interesting, both from the Hungarian and the Canadian viewpoint. The first settlers came 35 to 40 years ago, and started farming on the prairie and bushlands; now they have nicely cultivated farms, which assure them of a good living when conditions and weather are favorable. They come mostly from one part of Hungary and are a wonderful example of the fine, faithful, religious life of the Magyar Calvinists. We find here realized our idealized viewpoint: Keep the good spirit of the Native land, learn everything that means, a good Canadian, that will produce the new life: a better nobler religious young Canadian generation. They have 6 public schools in the colony. Three of them have Hungarian names, ''Magyar'', ''Kossuth'', ''Rakocy''. That shows the founders were Hungarians and they are interested to keep the good spirit of the Magyar race and brilliant example of the two great patriots who were fighting for peace and freedom. They have good Canadian teachers and every school has its own 25 to 40 pupils, most of them children of Hungarian parents. They speak both languages well.

Visiting takes time, because, according to the local rule of hospitality, one has to stay everywhere either to lunch or tea, otherwise it is not a ''real visit''—so we used to start our visiting early in the afternoon, and finish it late at night. I have no doubt those long personal interviews create warmer friendship and stronger connection between the people and the Church. What impressed me very much was their family life. Only young married couples have less than five children, but it is not rare to find 10 to 13 children in one family. We see many adults too, in the families. They stay with their parents after getting married and help them in their hard farm work. Almost all the families have a strong religious spirit, and keep up the daily Bible reading. Everywhere we went we found a warm welcome and everybody was glad that active and progressive work was being started in the Church. At first we gathered the children together for Sunday School and weekday religious education. They had Sunday School only now and then. We have about 50 to 75 children and young people, between 7 and 18 years, regularly in the Sunday School and hope soon to have 100. But we know 100 to 150 young people already, of whom 30 to 50 are always present at Sunday School. We made arrangements to organize the Christian Young People's Society. I tried to train them to take part of the Sunday School service with prayer, Bible reading, etc., for the children. We made arrangements with the two school Boards to let us have the school room one afternoon a week after school hours, realizing that the children are unable to come in Saturday (as in Hamilton) from 2 to 5 miles distant. We teach them every Monday from 3.30 to 4.50 p.m. In this way, 75 children have regular religious education once a week. We try to keep it on three months, then we start the other two schools where another 50 to 60 of our children attend.

We organized a Ladies' Aid, 37 of our women were present at the first meeting. We made the rules of the Society and I made them outline their work for 6 months. All the ladies are very anxious to start a W.M.S. too. We had our preparatory meeting. I told them about the whole purpose of the W.M.S. I asked Mrs. Horne from Regina to come down and officially open our W.M.S. She promised to do so. I am sure with God's help this Church will be, in many respects, the leader among the Hungarian Churches in Canada.

Westowanis

SOME miles beyond Weston, Ontario, and well off the highway is one of the loveliest camp sites imaginable. You come upon it unexpectedly, nestling among the trees, with the friendly Humber river flowing just behind. The spacious one-storey hall, bright as the outdoors when the sun shines through its many windows, and with its huge fireplace radiating heat and cheer should the day be cool or rain come unexpectedly, is the centre of all activities.

To this lovely spot forty or more leaders of girls—they themselves just girls—gathered in mid-September for a week-end camp, Mrs. John Kelman, Toronto Presbyterial Secretary, acting as camp director.

The camp and the programme was planned by the Toronto Presbyterian Leaders' Association. It meant thought and work but they gave both willingly. The result was a camp so perfectly managed that no one was conscious of the machinery.

The programme included games, talks on handcraft and poster making by Dr. Helen Manchester, and brief messages on helpful themes by Miss Laura K. Pelton, and Miss Muriel Gray, followed by discussions. Miss Isabel McConnell, of India, and Miss Dorothy Douglas, of Formosa, told stories of their respective fields.

The subject of thought of the entire camp was "How Can I Find God?" and the dignity and reverence of the Sabbath service with its address by Miss MacMurchy led to the unforgettable closing hour when Miss Pelton and the girls talked intimately on this theme. These young girls were seeking for leadership in the direction of a deepened spiritual life and, in that hour of sacred intercourse, they received vitality and enthusiasm to go forward and share in Christian youth building and wise and enduring loyalty to the Church in its local programme and the great causes to which it is committed at home and abroad.—M.C.G.F.

Group at Westowanis Camp

Try This Plan

The following is a copy of a typewritten letter that was sent out by the Melville Auxiliary to each member previous to their Thanksgiving meeting. It has such a nice friendly note we thought it should have a wider reading.—EDITOR.

THE Women's Missionary Society of the Melville congregation again take pleasure in announcing to all their friends, that their autumn Thanksgiving offering will be received on Sunday morning, September 23rd.

Miss May Williamson, missionary among the Bhils in India, and home on her first furlough, is to give the address, and all will be especially glad to hear her, because her mother was a former Brussels girl, and a regular worshipper in the Melville Church.

The Society desires to thank very cordially all their friends for the liberal Easter Thank-offering given in aid of their work, and would ask again for the same generous support on this occasion.

Shall we all try to have on Sunday morning, September 23rd, a capacity attendance to greet Miss Williamson?

Cordially,

........................*Pres.* ....

........................*Sec.* *Treas.*

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THE finest gift that can be placed in the hands of a young friend, is that which unfolds a page of beauty for the mind. Many send their lists of book requirements to this office, and great care is exercised in choosing suitable books, reasonable in price. When sending these lists please give the following information:— Approximate price to be paid, age of reader, sex, and whether a religious, missionary story or book of fiction is required. The following are worth considering for Christmas needs.

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THANK YOU!

MISS ISABEL McCONNELL, on the eve of her departure for India, asked the *Glad Tidings* to extend her ''thanks'' to all who sent gifts out to the mission in her care, until such time as she can acknowledge them individually.

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father in Whom are all wisdom and power and might, we gladly come into Thy presence and present to Thee our requests. Our needs are new every day and our problems are very many. Teach us to bring all our worries as well as our joys to Thee, and to depend more and more on Thy leading. At the beginning of our fall work we entreat Thy special help in our missionary enterprise. Bless us in our every effort. Teach us how to approach the mothers, and make them willing and eager to enlist the names of their little ones on the Baby Band Roll. Increase our interest in the little children and may it never be said of us that, through our refusal to act as leaders, these little ones were deprived of the opportunity to serve other children. O Divine Father, help us to capture the imagination and the loyalty of the young girls and to set their feet in the path of service for Thee. Turn, O Lord, the thoughts of the young women to the things that endure. Enable us so to commend missions to them that their youth, and vision, ability and charm, may enrich our W.M.S. Fire us all with the vision of the greatness of the missionary cause. May we all realize that whether we meet in large bodies or in small gatherings we are all members of a mighty army and that Thou art our Captain. Bless all our missionary workers. Guard from danger those who are travelling by land or sea. Restore to health those loved members who are ill and grant Thy mercy and grace to us all. This we ask with the forgiveness of our sins in the name of Christ our Lord and Leader. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

PEACE

"And one saw from the shadow of the cross
Peace in the world, a common brotherhood."

TODAY, the determination that war "must not happen again", seems to be fading from the hearts and minds of many nations. Are we, as individuals, doing anything to create a sentiment in favor of the peaceful settlement of international problems? Are we thinking peace, talking peace and working for peace in our own intimate circle? Are we seeking to understand the viewpoint of the people of other lands?

Kimpei Sheba compares the way the people of Japan differ, even in little things, with the western ideas of what is natural and proper. She writes:

"In operating a scissors, you operate the handle, we press down the tips. In sewing, your women move the hand which holds the needle; we move the cloth up and down, holding the needle steady. You hold the handle when carrying a closed umbrella, but we dangle ours from a string attached to the opposite end. In entering a house you first of all take off your headgear. The first thing we do is to remove our footgear. On a cool evening, you sit by the fireside to warm your feet. We warm our hands but never our feet. If your guest brings a gift, he presents it immediately he arrives, with the hope that you will like it. In Japan, our custom is to leave the gift on parting and we assure our friend that anything we may choose to present as a gift is really of no value and we know he will have little use for it. You stand as a sign of respect, but in Japan it is disrespectful to stand—one must always sit on the floor in greeting a guest. You say grace before food is eaten by the living. In Japan prayers are recited only before food that is proffered to the dead, never to the living. And, when we say grace, we have our faces turned up, while you pray with your faces turned down."

These are only some little things in which the East and West differ. Do they not suggest to us how they must differ in many ways? Japan is very much in the thoughts of those who are today working for world peace. As we study about the work the W.M.S. is doing in Japan, let us try to appreciate the problems of Japan with a sympathetic attitude. Let us try to see them through Eastern Eyes. —*Fergie D. Holman.*

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* Christmas programme for Mission Bands

Should Leaders require a copy of this programme before it is published in the magazine, send to head office for typed copy. See page 403.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

PLANS AND SUGGESTIONS

Dear Leader and Girls:—

"HOLIDAYS—the only cake that makes bread eat better after it" —so runs an ancient proverb. Vacation has come and gone, and now we are back to the plain bread of work and of everyday life, finding it sweet. There is a real joy in being a worker, and not a lazybones "lying in the sun". With new enthusiasm we are turning to our task as leaders of girls with the question, "What am I to do with my group this year, and what shall be my objectives?"

We are requesting that you stress particularly affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society, and new material has been prepared with this purpose in mind. Last year, out of a total of 475 groups, only 302 affiliated. In many cases the matter was merely overlooked, but will you, this year, make a special effort to affiliate and to co-operate with your local W.M.S. Enclosed in this letter you will find a poster, urging affiliation. It is to be hung on the walls of your classroom, or brought to the attention of the girls in some other way. We are also sending you a new and colorful affiliation service, and the usual affiliation form to be filled out and sent to the Girls' Organizations' Secretary in your Presbyterial. The new study book, as already announced, is "Young Japan", and with it comes a programme guide, "Exploring Japan", with projects in dramatics, handcraft, etc., outlined. The price of the two is thirty-five cents. Don't look upon this as dull, prescribed mission study; it is a real "adventure in friendship". To introduce the mission study two new sets of lantern slides on Japan have been prepared. The pictures are all new, and afford vivid glimpses of the Japanese at work and at play. You may obtain them from the Lantern Slide Secretary in your Presbyterial. During the year, your group will want to give some money to missions. Many of you have met Miss Ada Adams, who supervises the kindergarten work in Formosa. All the money raised by the girls' groups this year will go to her support during her year of language study in Japan. We have asked for this privilege, and we must prove ourselves worthy of it. Don't forget that the girls can always busy their fingers with supply work, while you read to them tales of old Japan. Additional suggestions for mission study programmes you will find every month in the *Glad Tidings*—a publication for every wide-awake leader. Several pieces of new material are on hand. The new "Treasure Book of Discussions" (35 cents), is very helpful; it contains, among other things, a discussion on the movies that is calculated to rouse the most indifferent. A ''Treasure Book of Handcraft'' (35 cents), will shortly appear, and it is packed with projects designed to fit your girls for woman's most popular profession—homemaking. Miss Trotter's little book, ''A Girl's Practice of the Presence of God'' (60 cents), is an invaluable book for the leader who needs help with the devotional period (and who does not?) or as a gift for her girls. The new song book has not yet appeared. While I am thinking of new material, I must stress registration. It is, to my mind, only a very careless or indifferent leader who neglects to register her group and misses the material that is sent out by both provincial and denominational offices. This year we have new registration cards for Girl Guide Troops, Girls' Guilds, and Girls' Auxiliaries, and they will be sent upon request. C.G.I.T. groups receive their registration cards from the provincial office. By hook or by crook, do get your name on the mailing list.

I should like also to stress the careful planning of the programme. A haphazard programme is never a good one. At the beginning of the season you and your girls should together plan a three months' programme, being careful that it is well balanced. The approach of Armistice Day gives an opportunity for peace education. By writing to the League of Nations Society in Canada, 389 Wellington St., Ottawa, you may obtain a list of their publications. They have many excellent plays and skits on world friendship and on the work of the League. ''Cry Havoc'' will interest many of the girls, and also ''Merchants of Death''. They both may be borrowed from any public library.

I do want to wish you all success for the year's work. Leading girls is a difficult and discouraging job, but it reminds me of Bunyan's song—

''There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.''

I hope that you too, will never ''relent'' your decision to be a leader of girls. Sincerely yours,

—*O. Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary.*

A POSTER CONTEST

GIRLS and leaders everywhere have been anxiously awaiting news of the 1934-35 contest for girls' groups. Treasure books, maps, pageants—they have been tried in other years. What is it to be this year?

Perhaps you remarked last year, ''My group could never write a pageant, that's far too difficult.'' This year we are giving not the literary, but the artistic folk a chance—those who can use their pencils and who know something of color and of design—for this contest calls for posters.

Two prizes are offered, one for intermediate groups and one for senior groups (over 15), for the best set of three posters illustrating life in Japan and the work of the missionary there. Groups are free to choose their own subjects: a series might be entitled ''Old Japan'', ''New Japan'', and ''Helping Japan''; or, perhaps, ''Our Kindergartens'', ''Our Churches'', and ''Wanted—a Doctor''. The titles may be as original as you like, but should either be taken from, or suggested by, the study book, ''Young Japan''.

The following are the rules for the contest:

1. Each entry shall consist of three posters, and be the work of the group, not of one individual.
2. Each group shall have a title, appearing either on the poster itself or on the back of it; and on the back shall be printed the name of the group, whether Intermediate or Senior, and the name and address of the leader.
3. All posters shall be of a uniform size, 14 inches by 22 inches, to simplify the task of the judges. Original designs, cut outs, or pasted pictures may be used on the posters.
4. All entries must be sent in to the Girls' Work Secretary, Room 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, not later than April 15th, 1935.

Posters will be judged for the originality of the titles, the neatness of the work, and for artistic effect when placed on display.

This year we should like to have entries from every province, and preferably from every group. So set to work with pen and pencil, with paints and bright ideas, and enter the results in our contest.

—*O. M. Hill.*

This little poem tells us of the changing of old Japan into the new Japan that we find today. In our study book we read of the two Japans—the ancient and the modern.

JAPAN

''Japan, emerging slowly from the shadows of the past,
Awakes at last!
Opens her eyes, her sleepy eyes, in glad surprise,
Upon a world so vast—
A world wherein her future lies—
The die is cast!
She can not, if she would, go back.
The black, dark night of superstition ends!
Buddha lives on, but Life has won!
Life, with its vigor and its thrills!
Life with its thousand, thousand ills—
But none that bind as did the old, old chain!

Oh, never more the dim, dark days, never again!
The bound soul has been freed!
In Freedom's warm, strong arms, it gathers strength!
No more the ancient way—the new life charms—
The new ways win!
Japan, with lifted eyes, has entered in!''

—*Jean Palmer Nye.*

MISSION BANDS

THE INVITATION

TOMEKO was up early because it was the day of the dolls' festival in Japan. She helped her mother unpack the dolls, some of which had belonged to her grandmother and her great grandmother. What fun it was to arrange them on the shelves! There was an emperor and an empress doll which they put on the top shelf and beside them they stood some ladies-in-waiting dolls. On the lower shelf they put some mother dolls with babies on their backs and the little girl dolls.

After the dolls were arranged Tomeko and her mother prepared the things for the feast. They made lovely little cakes that looked like flowers and they got out the cups without handles for their tea.

When all was ready Tomeko put on her pretty new blue kimona and as her mother tied her sash for her she said, ''Please may I go now and ask my friends to honorably come to tea and play with me?''

''Who would you like to ask?'' said her mother.

I would like to ask Momochan, Kiyokochan, Hanakochan, Mitsukochan and Michan,'' she replied. ''They all have lovely dolls too, and I shall go and see them.''

''You've forgotten the little girl who lives in the corner house,'' her mother said.

''Kikuchan? The little girl who lives with her grandmother? She isn't a friend. I wasn't going to ask her,'' Tomeko said as she put on a pair of new straw sandals.

''Why not little daughter?'' mother asked in a surprised voice.

''Oh mother! none of the girls play with her, she always looks so cross, and she wears such funny clothes. Do you know she hasn't had a new kimona for ever so long.''

''Oh, poor little girl!'' exclaimed mother. ''I don't think she is cross, Tomeko. She just wants somebody to be friendly with her. Run along now little daughter.''

Tomeko ran out. What a lovely windy March day it was! The pink peach blossoms were opening and the sun was shining brightly.

First she went to Momochan who lived next door. Then she went across the road to Kiyokochan. They both said ''thank you'' when Tomeko asked them to honorably come to her dolls' feast.

''Now there is Michan to ask,'' Tomeko said to herself, ''and Michan's house is right around the corner.'' So around the corner Tomeko went in a great hurry for she wanted to get back to the shelves of lovely dolls.

It was very windy around the corner and the wind blew Tomeko's big sleeve over her face and she nearly fell into a muddy gutter. Someone caught her just in time.

''Oh thank you,'' said Tomeko. She pulled down her sleeve and saw Kikuchan standing there. ''I thought you were going to spoil your pretty kimona,'' said Kikuchan.

Tomeko looked at Kikuchan. She remembered what her mother had said, ''Kikuchan isn't really cross, she just wants someone to be friendly.'' She felt very shy, then she smiled and said, ''Kikuchan will you honorably come to my feast of dolls this afternoon?''

Kikuchan smiled happily. ''If my grandmother permits,'' she began.

''Let us go and ask her,'' Tomeko said. And when Kikuchan's grandmother said yes, Tomeko ran home to tell her mother the news.

It was the loveliest party Tomeko had ever had. All the little girls said so too. Kikuchan was quicker at the games than anyone, and so merry that everyone made friends with her. Before they went to their own homes Momochan, Kiyokochan, Hanakochan, Mitsukochan and Michan all said, ''Kikuchan honorably come to my dolls' feast.''

And Kikuchan, with her best bow, said, ''Honorably come to mine also.'' And everyone did.

(Based on ''The Blue Friendly Book,'' by Mary Entwistle).

A short programme for the Christmas meeting will appear in the December *Glad Tidings*. See page 398.*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Synopsis of Lecture X

THE MISSIONARY LEADER NEEDED

A COURSE on Missionary education could not be brought to a close without a discussion on the question of leadership. Leadership is a factor of extreme importance and it is therefore the subject for our consideration in this study.

In an address, Dr. John R. Mott stated that we need leaders to help to get the world out of its present state of chaos. On one side he arrayed the enemies of mankind, such as selfishness, strife, sin, disease, and nationalism; on the other side he arrayed the type of leaders needed to meet the world situation of to-day and to-morrow, namely leaders who are comprehending, creative and Christ-like.

Comprehending or understanding leaders of children are needed to-day. The leader should understand (1) the children she leads; (2) the goal she should strive to reach; (3) the materials and methods, particularly the Bible, which should be used to achieve this goal. Then let us ask ourselves these questions. Do I understand the children I teach? What are my goals and do I understand them clearly? How much time have I given to the study of the Bible and other literature in order to make the Word live in the lives of my pupils? We may recall with profit previous discussions in this course, particularly chapter 1.

Next, creative leaders of children are needed to-day. What does the word ''creative'' infer? It cannot mean the stereotyped kind of leader—the one who is a slave to tradition. It means the sort of leader who is ever seeking after new truths, new methods, and new opportunities. It means a thinking leader who is willing to try new ideas, who will create new lesson plans to suit her class or group instead of following slavishly the plan suggested by the author of a study course, irrespective of whether it suits the group or not. Most persons have some natural ability to create or to originate new plans and new ways to interest, to teach, and to inspire. Let us then in our missionary group try to develop this ability not only in ourselves but in our pupils as some of them will be future leaders.

Third, Christ-like leaders of children are needed also to-day. And now let us ask, is our leadership Christ-like? The great mission of Jesus may be said to be that of changing lives. This is our mission too. In this course on Missionary education we have felt our task to be one of changing the attitudes, and habits, and behaviour of the pupils in their relationship with friends at home, in the community, their own country and the world. Have we, and are we approaching this task as Jesus approached His task? Do we rely on the power of God as He did? Are we loyal to our deepest convictions as He was loyal to His? Do we give ourselves whole-heartedly to the cause as He did? Do we love every child in the group as He loved His group? Are we forgiving as He was forgiving? Do we allow God to work out His purpose through us? Are we willing to give time, strength and ability to the point of sacrifice? Is our main object in life to live unselfishly? As this course comes to a close let us think quietly on all these questions, realizing our strong points and our weak points too, and let us resolve to rise to greater heights than ever before in making our leadership comprehending, creative and Christ-like as we recognize this to be the sort of leadership which children need as they travel along the pathway called Life. *—B. K. Riddell.*

The above outline is based on the last lecture prepared for Mission Band Leaders by the Religious Education Council of Canada.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. M. MOODIE, 2719, 14TH ST., S. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, held the opening meeting of the fall term with a good attendance, Mrs. E. Rae, presiding. Reports from the various groups revealed enthusiastic plans for the fall and winter months, and also showed a keen endeavor being made to reach their financial allocation. Group 5 had charge of the programme. After the devotional exercises, which were taken by Mrs. R. S. Gibson, Mrs. Denholm and Mrs. Wyman, a comprehensive report of the Council meeting in Montreal was given by Mrs. R. S. Gibson, President of the Presbyterial.

Edmonton P.S.—The Strathcona W.M.S. celebrated its seventh anniversary recently, using the programme provided. An added attraction was the birthday cake with its seven candles, and a special feature, the presentation of a Life Membership to their oldest member, Mrs. Dunn, which came as a complete surprise to her.

The semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, with delegates attending from Vegreville, Ranfurly, Wanham and Killam, as well as from the city Auxiliaries. Mrs. H. Sykes, Presbyterial President, presided. This meeting was marked by a spirit of inspiration and devotion and the various reports by the Secretaries showed a splendid half year of service. Mrs. F. W. Allott, Provincial President, and Mrs. J. Adam reported for the Council, which convened in Montreal. Miss McPherson, Superintendent of the Vegreville Hospital, paid tribute to the women of the W.M.S. for their assistance in providing supplies for the needy. Special mention was made of the ''Hospital Aid'' and ''Order of the Eastern Star'', of Vegreville, for equipment supplied by them.

The outstanding guest speaker was Miss Margaret Grigor, deaconess of the Peace River District, who has, in spite of almost unsurmountable difficulties, established Church services, Sunday Schools, and Mission Bands in four localities. She paid a fine tribute to the helpfulness of the Supply department. Miss Grigor also addressed the congregation of First Church, Sunday morning, one woman, not a member of the Church, was so touched by her message that she sent Miss Grigor a cheque for $25 to help in her work.

The evening session, arranged by Mrs. Hahn, was provided by the young people, the Mission Band of St. Andrew's and the junior choirs of Rupert Street and Westmount Churches assisting with choruses.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. J. SMITH, BOX 138, ARMSTRONG, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—Miss Acheson, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, reports the formation of a new Mission Band at Port Hammond, with Mrs. Holden as leader. Mrs. Angus McKenzie assisted in organizing.

Victoria P.S.—Not often is a Presbyterial privileged to hold two Mission Band rallies in one year, but such was the case in Victoria. The first, held in June, was a marked success, all the Mission Bands present taking part in the programme. The offering was dedicated to work in memory of the late Miss Mildred Soutar, of Amkhut, India. The second rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, September 1st, with Mrs. Kennedy, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presiding. After roll call and opening devotions, the children settled down expectantly to hear the wonderful stories and see the delightful pictures which were presented by the guests of the afternoon, Rev. C. P. and Mrs. Young. One could have heard a pin drop in the lecture room, except at times when a suppressed giggle was heard from a little one whose sense of humor had been touched by a funny picture or story. Mrs. Young dressed three Mission Banders in native costume and showed a number of curios which were eagerly examined. Special prayers were asked for the outcasts of India, Mrs. Young stressing the need to teach our children to pray for others. The Chinese children, of Victoria, who are members of a Mission Band, also took part in the programme. Mr. and Mrs. Young certainly helped the Mission Bands of this Presbyterial to a good start in their fall work.

The Provincial Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Peasland, urges the need in our Church, of leaders in this branch of the work. Christian young women with the love of children and zeal for missions in their hearts are asked to write her and she will be glad to put them in touch with the Secretary of their district.

The Late Mrs. M. J. Boyd

Creston records with sorrow the passing of Mrs. M. J. Boyd, a most devoted worker since the organization of the W.M.S. there, in 1922. For eight years Mrs. Boyd held the office of Secretary and at the time of her death, was its beloved President. She also occupied many offices in the Kootenay Presbyterial, and was its President in 1933. The late Mrs. Boyd came to Creston from Arnprior, Ontario, in 1911, and ever since has given unstinted service to Church, Sunday School and W.M.S.

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MRS. GEO. A. T. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

A SPECIAL meeting of Calvin W.M.S., Winnipeg, was held in the early fall. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from the various Missionary Societies of the district, to hear a special message from Mrs. T. Lindores of the New Testament Mission in South America.

Mrs. Lindores held her audience spell-bound while she told of the great need for Christianity among the pagans of South America, and the joy that it brought to these people when they came to see the light. She dwelt on their recent work among the Bororo Indians, a savage tribe living in one of the remotest parts of Brazil. It is to this district that Mr. and Mrs. Lindores hope to return, in the near future.

Rev. David Johnstone presided. Mrs. Geo. Leckie rendered a missionary solo. Mrs. H. S. Hutchison thanked Mrs. Lindores for her interesting address and she told how her missionary interest had been broadened, for it is seldom one has the opportunity to hear missionaries from South America. The President, Mrs. H. Scott, also spoke a few words of appreciation on behalf of the Society.

Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. A silver collection was taken to meet the expense of the bale and $4.00 was realized.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 166 HAMMERSMITH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

AS Thank-offering meetings continue this month are we asking the question, What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?

A sectional meeting of Stratford Presbyterial, held in Shakespeare, was successful in every way. Mr. A. A. MacKay, Jhansi, India, addressed the meeting. Rev. T. J. Murdock, Ph.D. and Rev. G. P. Duncan, D.D., spoke briefly. Motherwell Auxiliary celebrates its Golden Jubilee. Fifty years ago Mrs. McLaren, Toronto, and Mrs. Gordon, Harrington, journeyed to Motherwell and organized a W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. R. Hamilton, mistress of the manse there for forty-two years, was first President, continuing in office until her death. Officers with her for many years were Miss Janet Baird and Miss M. A. McIntyre (Mrs. F. Heal). Congratulations were received from early workers. During reminiscences many amusing incidents of early meetings were recalled. Mrs. J. McCabe, Stratford, spoke on W.M.S. activities. Junior certificates were presented to Misses Doris and Irene Tier. After musical selections a banquet was enjoyed, the birthday cake cut by Mrs. A. Watson, Avonbank. Mrs. R. E. MacIntosh, President, with her Executive are striving to raise a superstructure worthy of those noble women of fifty years ago.

Optimistic reports come from Chatham Presbyterial. Bothwell minority group without either minister or church are carrying on W.M.S. work. Dover Centre, a small rural congregation, holds joint W.M.S. meetings with the Ladies Aid. At Duart, fifty attended a Home Helpers meeting. A travelogue on India, by Knox Church, Y.W.A., Windsor, was instructive. Mrs. S. M. Ferguson reported the Council meeting. Ridgetown marked the 70th anniversary with a special meeting, birthday cake and all. Mrs. Taylor, charter member of Auxiliary, and Mrs. Williams, oldest member in years, presided over the tea table, both being presented with flowers by Mission Band member. Y.W.A. assisted with programme. Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, addressed a rally of the workers at Chatham. An unexpected pleasure was Miss Agnes Dickson's visit and talk at the morning session. An interesting meeting of Valetta Auxiliary comprised a programme devoted to different phases of Indian work. Several Auxiliaries made use of the birthday programme as outlined in *Glad Tidings.*

Eighteen Auxiliaries were represented at Millbrook for Peterborough's semi-annual meeting. Reports showed activity and growth. Mrs. H. W. Morgan and Mrs. G. F. Clark, reported the Council meeting. Mrs. Ewart, President, urged the members to whole-hearted action with co-operation. Knox Church, Keene, observed the 70th anniversary, with Mrs. A. T. Barr and Mrs. J. Dutton, Peterborough, as guest speakers.

The summer meeting of Kingston Presbyterial met in West Huntingdon. Full reports of Provincial and Council meetings were heard, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto, giving an inspirational address.

Lindsay Presbyterial semi-annual met in Woodbridge, Miss Gould presiding. Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, was guest speaker. Port Perry reports the faithfulness of their members, each accepting her responsibility.

From Cornwall, Glengarry Presbyterial, comes word of a successful supper meeting of the Y.W.A. and Junior Girls' Groups. Mrs. Mason McLennan was the speaker. Mrs. Quillins, Winnipeg, a former member, told of a visit to the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School, Kenora. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Wm. Munro, a valued member. St. John's Mission Band held a combined shower of articles for bale and social afternoon, capped with a treat of ice cream and cake.

Sudbury Auxiliary, North Bay Presbyterial, presented Mrs. J. M. Silliman with a Life Membership, on the eve of her departure to reside in Kingston.

The annual rally of Huron Presbyterial took place in Hensall, full representation present. Miss Jeckell, President, in her address reminded her hearers that ''Life is a bundle of little things, strive to do the smallest task perfectly and our W.M.S. will increase and expand.'' Rev. T. W. Mills, Blyth, represented the Presbytery, complimenting the W.M.S. on its efficiency, reminding the workers that numbers were not always the greatest force in the achievements of the Church. Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, was the speaker, bringing a story picture vivid and complete of the Council meeting.

Home Helpers were the guests of Barrie Auxiliary, being entertained to a motor drive ending at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown, where Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Penetanguishene, addressed the meeting. Six sectional meetings have been held in this Presbyterial with Mrs. J. H. Eaton and Mrs. M. W. Heslip addressing each of them. Thornbury-Clarksburg specially celebrated the 70th aniversary with a birthday party, inviting sister Societies. Miss S. E. MacMurchy gave an interesting résume of the W.M.S. since its inception. Mrs. E. C. Currie, Creemore, followed with a message for the future. The birthday cake was the gift of Mrs. V. Armstrong.

Eight districts in Hamilton Presbyterial held sectional meetings, Mrs. W. I. McLean, President, addressing each. Young people's work was stressed. Several delightful pageants were presented by the Mission Bands. The Council meeting was fully reported.

Sectional meetings in Guelph Presbyterial were held at Paisley Block Church and Elora, Miss Jean McLean, Kobe, Japan, speaking at both.

The Home Helpers of Tiverton Auxiliary, Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, took charge of the summer meetings in the homes, arranging special programmes which were pleasing and profitable. A summer meeting of the Executive was held in Tara, Mrs. MacGillivray presiding. Reports were interesting and helpful.

Hamilton Road, London Presbyterial, celebrated their twentieth anniversary, Mrs. D. L. McRae, who organized the Auxiliary, was the speaker. Mrs. I. McPhail, first President, occupied the chair. Past Presidents, Mrs. J. Campbell and Mrs. John Munro, with Mrs. C. Butterworth, President, took part in the programme. Mrs. C. J. Mallough, another past President, has been called to higher service.

The Late Mrs. G. F. Clark

At the Provincial Board Meeting, held in Calvin Church, Toronto, October 4th and 5th, a resolution of appreciation and esteem and of keen regret at the loss, by them, of their Provincial Finance Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Clark, Brighton, who showed such marked ability during her term of office, was placed on record.

QUEBEC

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QUEBEC P.S.—A delightful sectional meeting was held at Inverness. Fifty delegates representing four Auxiliaries were present. Mrs. A. J. Smyth, Presbyterial Vice-President, occupied the chair. Miss

A. M. McKinnon gave an interesting talk on "Missions, Past and Present". Mrs. A. S. Reid told of the work done in the Presbyterian Residence, Huntingdon, while Dr. Reid spoke on "The different stages Christianity is passing through in the civilized world". Excellent reports from the Auxiliaries of Lemesurier, Kinnear's Mills, Adderley and Inverness were given by representative women.

Montreal P.S.—With memories of the historic Council meeting freshly in mind the Montreal Presbyterial assembled in Knox-Crescent lecture hall, September 21st, to begin another winter of service. The meeting was an evening one with a large attendance, all city Auxiliaries, except two, being represented. In the absence, through illness, of the President, Mrs. W. E. Baker presided. Devotional exercises were conducted by a member of Stanley Auxiliary. Few reports were presented. Mission Band and Girls' Work Secretaries spoke briefly, the former reporting the organization of one Band and re-organization of another. Mrs. M. E. Pritchard, Supply Secretary, stated that all obligations in her department had been fully met. The "impossible", through faith and purpose, had been proved "possible", and to the Indian School, at Birtle, had been sent sixteen complete outfits, eight for girls, eight for boys, together with a cheque for $65. Generous household supplies were also donated to the "Hugh Waddell" Hospital, the Nurses' Home, Canora, and the Huntingdon School Residence. Various Auxiliaries contributed material to be used in quilt making at Elphinstone Reserve.

The Treasurer's statement showed receipts as at September 15, $6,366, an increase of $435 over last year at the same date. While this affords encouragement, more than one-half of the allocation still remains to be gathered in.

A warm greeting was extended to Miss Marion Williamson, of Amkhut, the speaker of the evening, who was introduced by Mrs. Roland Kennedy. Miss Williamson's account of the habits and mode of life of the Bhil people was clear and informing and was listened to with close attention throughout. Some pressing needs of the mission were mentioned.

On the proposal of Mrs. Baker a message of sympathy and remembrance was sent to Mrs. Pae. A sacred solo was sung by Mrs. Wm. McLean of Outremont Auxiliary. The meeting was closed with prayer.

A most delightful meeting was held by the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, September 26th, to bid farewell to Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N., and Miss Ida McSparron, B.A., who were sailing next day on the *Duchess of Richmond* for India. Mrs. W. E. Baker presided at the meeting, prior to which the "Olive Ross" Y.W.A., under the presidency of Miss Grace Knowlton, entertained the guests of honor at supper. Impressive farewell messages were given by the missionaries.

Mrs. Tranter brought a message in song and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. J. G. Potter, D.D.

It was a most lovely morning when they sailed away and the last view the members of the Presbyterial and friends had was of Miss McConnell and Miss McSparron, wearing corsage bouquets of red roses and orchids, grasping great bunches of colored streamers which those on shore held until broken as the ship left the dock.

The missionaries were greatly delighted with the commodious stateroom on the sunny side of the ship. A little bird whispered that no outgoing travellers ever had such quantities of flowers and fruit and candies and gifts.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—Mrs. R. B. Fergusson was hostess at her summer home, Lakeside, September 7th, to the sub-executive of Regina Presbyterial and of the Provincial Board of the W.M.S. when they met jointly to discuss plans for the fall work. Mrs. Jas. McAra and Mrs. H. R. Horne reported the Council meeting. Mrs. Horne and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair gave an account of the designation service of Miss McSparron, at Arcola. Mrs. Fergusson, in her gracious and kindly way, spared no pains in making the afternoon a most pleasant one, those present will long remember the very enjoyable day spent at ''Taro-waro'' in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley.

Miss Lily Simpson, while in Regina en route to Prince Albert and Saskatoon Presbyterials, addressed the Eastview Sabbath School on Sunday afternoon. Miss Simpson was most attractive in a native costume when she told of her work in Jhansi, India, and explained the colored slides. The children listened with rapt attention.

The Auxiliary of First Church met at the home of Mrs. G. M. Bell to discuss plans for the fall work.

HONORARY MEMBERS

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Kingston P.S.—Affiliated Y.W. Group, Stella, Amherst Island; ‘‘Willing Workers’’ M.B., St. Andrew’s Ch., Roslin; ‘‘Sunshine’’ M.B., St. Andrew’s Ch., West Huntingdon.

North Bay P.S.—Sundridge Associate Society.

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Prince Albert P.S.—Meath Park Associate Society.

Regina P.S.—Hungarian Aux., Bekevar.

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Glenmohr Junior Girls’ Camp	2.71
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Vegreville	248.41
Chinese in Canada	733.15
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Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
Prince Albert	79.16
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	68.33
Vegreville	310.83
Welcome and Welfare	1,133.97
Publications	486.22
Organization	524.26
Library	20.55
Lantern Slides	10.29
Pensions	1,601.26
Deputation	87.20
New Missionary	503.18
Miscellaneous	260.00
South China	287.50
India:	
Bhil Field	4,092.25
Jhansi Field	2,636.30
Formosa	614.98
Japan	87.50
Exchange	836.22
Administration	402.95
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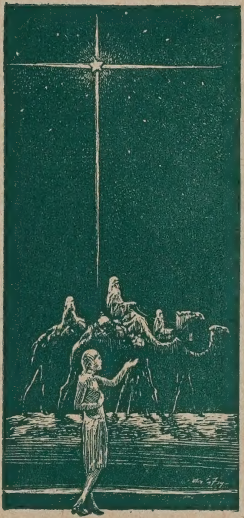

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★ ★ The Miracle of Bethlehem ★ ★

FROM that sacred night in Bethlehem, all things have gone differently with this old gray world. For the greatest miracle of all that marvelous night was not that angels sang or that a new star shone, but that men learned that love is all in all, and that the best of all gifts that God can give to man, or man offer to his fellow, is Love.

For stars grow dim and sweet music ceases, and gold is scattered and frankincense loses its perfume, but love endures and outlasts the world. And moreover, to be simply kind and loving; to have gentle thoughts and generous tempers; to give but a cup of cold water to the thirsty, or to place a pillow beneath lowly heads—this is the sum of all religion; and he who does these things shall see the King in His beauty, and shall one day behold the very God Himself, whose name is Love.—*W. J. Dawson.*

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The beauty of a candle touches me;
It is so softly gay—
So steadfast and so careless of itself,
Giving itself away.

—Anna B. Payne.

Editorial

DECEMBER, 1934, brings to a close the 70th anniversary of the organization of our Women's Missionary Society. For all of us it has been a year rich in precious memories of past achievements, and running over with records of the faithful and fruitful service of the loyal, devoted and, in many instances, heroic women who established and helped to build up the Society of which we, today, are justly proud. It was their work, under God, that made it what it is. It is now our heritage; we have become the history makers of tomorrow.

Dr. Elizabeth Beatty Honored

Dr. Elizabeth Beatty

IN 1884, Dr. Elizabeth Beatty of Lansdowne, Ontario, sailed for Indore, Central India. She was the first medical missionary to be sent from Canada by the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. On the voyage out she met Lord and Lady Dufferin. Lord Dufferin had just completed his term as Governor-General in Canada and had been appointed Viceroy of India. They proved to be staunch allies. Lady Dufferin founded a medical school for native women and paid for the training of those who would instruct the women in the science of medicine. This did much to further Dr. Beatty's work and blaze the trail for those who followed her, and, eventually resulted in the establishment of a hospital for native women. Dr. Beatty remained in India some time past her furlough and, as a result, her health was so impaired that she was not able to return. But the pioneer work she did has borne wonderful fruit.

An address containing the above facts was presented to Dr. Beatty at the sectional meeting held in Lansdowne, Ontario, on the 50th anniversary of her departure for India, and with the roses which accompanied it, gave expression to the affection in which she is held by W.M.S. women, and their appreciation of the honor she has brought her Church and native village. Mrs. Stringer, President of the Auxiliary, and mother of our missionary in Jhansi, India, presided, and proved a real link between the past and the present.

Missionaries of Our Church

WELCOME visitors at the Council Executive lately were Rev. Jas. and Mrs. Dickson, of Formosa, and Mr. and Mrs. Angus Mackay, of Jhansi, India. In introducing these missionaries, the President stated that the missionaries of our Church and of the W.M.S. are all considered by us, as part of our missionary body. Mr. Dickson, in replying, said that in the Council meetings in Formosa, all the missionaries meet together and, both men and women consider the work for which the Formosa Council is responsible.

Mr. Dickson went to Formosa in 1927 to do evangelistic work, which he considers the heart of all missionary endeavor. During his term of service he has taught in the middle school, acted as superintendent of the Theological College and when he left on furlough was a member of twenty-five committees! As he described one day's work in the college, beginning as it does at 6.45 a.m., we realized how full and varied a missionary's day can be, and how constant are the demands of a growing indigenous Church with its organization and administration. Mr. Dickson considers the work in Formosa most encouraging. They have very capable leadership among the Formosans and, apart from the Korean Church, no other Church in the Orient is stronger than the native Church in Formosa.

Mr. Angus Mackay gave a vivid picture of the Boys' School in Jhansi, of which he has charge. Six years ago, there were 14 boys receiving instruction in the day school. The building was old and the boys sat around one long table. Today they meet in a nine-roomed school and the attendance has grown to 120 boys 90 of whom live in the hostel. The boys do their own work in the hostel and have helped in beautifying the mission compound. The aim of the school is to educate these boys and give them an industrial training but, above all, to provide them with a religious training that will fit them to spread the gospel among their own people. Mr. Mackay fully expects that many will enter the ministry as evangelists or preachers.

Mrs. Dickson termed herself ''only a missionary's wife'' but when she had modestly told what she considered to be her duty to her husband and children, to the Formosan mission workers and people; to the Church, Sunday School and middle school, and Theological College, her hearers said, *only* a missionary's wife? One picture we cannot forget was of this little lady standing before fifty savages who seemed to her seven feet tall, and her sudden question to the Executive: ''What would you say to these fifty savages who had never heard the gospel or might never hear it again, had you stood in my place?''

The Late Miss I. S. Pringle

IT is with a sense of great loss and sincere sorrow that we record the death, on October 31st, in Toronto, of Miss Isabella S. Pringle, daughter of the late Rev. James Pringle, of Brampton, Ontario, and a beloved Secretary of the W.M.S. for many years. Miss Pringle occupied the posts of Library and later, Hospital Secretary of the Council, and her service in both departments was marked by that perfection that comes from a real devotion to mission work. During the difficult days of 1925 it was she who gathered together the initial subscription lists for the *Glad Tidings*. Her service at that time on behalf of the magazine, the W.M.S., and the Church is beyond the power of words to describe.

Miss Pringle possessed great personal charm, a strength of mind and an independence of spirit that never failed to attract, and a most refreshing sense of humor. ''Because she loved she forgot unkind criticism and unfriendly deed.''

Miss Pringle was also a marvellous teacher. While in Brampton she trained numberless young people and turned the feet of many into the path of righteousness. ''I owe more to Miss Pringle and my mother than to any other woman'' was the tribute of one of her pupils, now a middle aged man.

While failing health compelled Miss Pringle, in 1933, to withdraw from the Council Executive the thought in the hearts of her co-workers when they heard of her death was:

''A soul so wholly good can never die
But lives and loves to all eternity.''

A Missionary Bereaved

OUR deepest sympathy goes out to Miss Jean C. McLean, who has been called to part with her beloved mother. Mrs. McLean was a Life Member of the W.M.S. and an active member in a quiet way in her own Auxiliary, and had the great honor of giving her daughter to mission work among the Koreans in Japan. Beloved in life by all who knew her Mrs. McLean was the more endeared to her friends because of her Christian calmness during the months of suffering which preceded her death. It is a matter of deep satisfaction to the Council Executive that they were able to arrange for Miss McLean's earlier return home, so as to be with her mother when she needed the comfort and loving care of her daughters. The funeral service was held in the St. John's Church, Almonte, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Fowlie, assisted by Rev. J. M. Rutherford. To Mr. McLean and his family our prayerful sympathy is extended.

We also commend to the comfort of God, Board Secretaries and all members throughout our Society, known or unknown to us, who, this year, have experienced the sorrow of parting with loved ones.

An Imperishable Memory

MEMORIES never die and the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Stratford Presbyterial, which took place in Knox Church, Stratford, on October 9th, should remain an unfading memory to those who were present, and find a place in the history of the W.M.S. when it comes to be written. Everything suggested golden memories, even to the sheaves of grain, symbolic of the harvest which has been reaped from the seed sown by the pioneer women of half a century ago.

Mrs. J. H. McCabe presided over this historic gathering. Following the solo, ''God of our life, through all the circling year'', a hymn, composed by Rev. H. T. Kerr, D.D., Moderator of the 142nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., at the golden jubilee of his Church in Pittsburg, came the Historical Review of the 21 Auxiliaries, beginning with Harrington, organized in 1876, a candle being lighted as each Auxiliary review was given. The Presbyterial was organized October 9th, 1884, by Mrs. Wm. McLaren, Toronto, and Mrs. D. Gordon, Harrington, with 90 members. Today the membership is 1,000.

The passing of the torches to the children of the Mission Band was a most impressive scene and the Forward Look directed all thoughts to the days of opportunity ahead. The Historian's resume was rich in memories of pioneer ministers and missionaries who had left Stratford Presbyterial for wider service, while the Service of Remembrance, introduced by organ music and closed by organ chimes, was as reverent as it was beautiful, the crowning act being the placing on the altar of a basket of golden flowers in memory of those who had gone before.

A golden tray received the Birthday gifts presented by the different Auxiliaries, some being in golden envelopes tied with Presbyterian blue. The Senior Auxiliaries were given the opportunity to strengthen the W.M.S. ranks by the enrollment of 21 Junior members through the presentation of a Junior Membership Certificate and pin to every congregation in the Presbytery of Stratford. Because the recipients of these Certificates will be the members of tomorrow and set the standards of service in the Church, this presentation was one of the most significant in the Jubilee observance.

A fitting ceremonial to mark the Jubilee and be an incentive to diligent service by our Mission Band was the Macerspey Endowment Fund, made possible by a gift of one hundred dollars from Miss J. M. Machan, Mrs. James Erskine and Mrs. J. M. Empey, the income of which is to be used for an award to the Mission Band which comes first in the Presbyterial annual Mission Band contests.

The day of Jubilee concluded with a banquet, a birthday cake, scintillating golden decorations even to the gold bell which pealed out for each of the five decades in the life of the Presbyterial, the evening session in charge of the young people, the missionary pageant, ''The Challenge of Opportunity'', and the address by Mrs. H. M. Coulter, formerly Girls' Work Secretary.

A member for 57 years, a Secretary for 31 years, a member with a record of unbroken attendance at every Auxiliary meeting for 31 years, and representatives of three generations of one family at the Jubilee celebration enriched the register which will be preserved as a reminder of this ''day of days'' in the history of Stratford Presbyterial.

Christian Literature for Africa

''I WANT book! I want book!'' is the call of Africans today. The first demand is for books about Christianity, for Africans associate Christianity with books; for text books and pictures on many subjects and for general literature. The Bible is printed in whole or in part in 239 African languages, and many missions make ability to read, except for the very old, a condition of full membership of the Church. The result is that literacy spreads and Christian teaching can be given through literature.

Miss Margaret Wrong, Secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa, an organization with headquarters in London, England, and which has an important place in the world missionary movement, gave a fascinating sketch of this need in Africa to a meeting of women of all denominations, which had been arranged by the Inter-board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Toronto.

The vital question at the present time is how to supply decent literature for the Africans who are reading and are going to read more and more, and also how to provide more adequate facilities for developing good music among a people who have decided musical ability. Miss Wrong feels that the solution lies in the cooperation of the Women's Mission Boards of the various Churches, and in the continued contributions from the World Day of Prayer, which, already, have proved so valuable.

A Review and a New View

FEATURING SOME OF THE ENCOURAGING EVENTS IN THE YEAR'S WORK IN OUR VARIOUS FIELDS AND DEPARTMENTS

School Residences

DO you know that the W.M.S. cares for the young people of our Church, living in remote districts, yet anxious to secure an education?

Many are so situated that it is necessary for them to leave their own homes in order either to receive their entire education or to finish their education. For these young people the W.M.S. provides ''Homes away from home'' in their six School Residences—2 in Alberta, 2 in Saskatchewan, 1 in Northern Ontario, and 1 in Quebec. Each Residence has an earnest Christian woman as Superintendent, who creates for the students a real home atmosphere, supervises their studies, provides recreation and entertainment, and gives help in every department of the student's life—educational, social, moral and spiritual.

The students attend either public or high school and on Sabbath attend the services of the Presbyterian Church and Sabbath School. In two of the Residences, New Liskeard, Ontario, and Huntingdon, Quebec, both boys and girls are accepted.

Miss E. Geddes, Superintendent, Saskatoon Residence

Miss Robertson is the Superintendent at New Liskeard, where she has a family of 14. Many improvements have been made to the property and equipment. In a letter dated November 5, 1934, from Miss Robertson she says: ''We had the Rev. M. W. Heslip, Penetang, preaching on Sunday. We had him here for dinner on Sunday, and he was very much taken with the students. He thought they would be very small children, but to his amazement there were tall boys, some nearly six feet.''

Mrs. Gouldthorpe is the Superintendent at Huntingdon, which accommodates 25 boys and girls. At present there are 15 in residence, several having graduated in June. They have the proud record of never having had a student fail in matriculation examinations.

At Vegreville, Alberta, we have two Residences, one for boys and one for girls. Miss Gibson is in charge of the boys and Miss McKee of the girls. The children here are younger and nearly all are new Canadians. Good work is carried on, there are 27 students this year.

The two Residences in Saskatchewan are both for girls. Miss E. Macdonald is Superintendent at Prince Albert. Mary Dreaver, the daughter of the Chief of Mistawasis Reserve, has been one of the students for the past year. Saskatoon is our largest Residence, accommodating 34 students. It had always been filled to capacity until the depression, which naturally affected the attendance. A year ago, business girls were accepted as well as students, and the former have greatly enjoyed the privilege of living there. We have 13 business girls and 12 students. Miss Geddes is the Superintendent, and has done excellent work, as have all the Superintendents.

Indian Work

THE school and mission work is being carried on as usual in Mistawasis, Sask. The Church, to all appearance, is prospering and progressing if attendance at both school and Church are any indication. The Church has contributed $50 to the budget.

A visitor to the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man., tells of seeing 116 happy contented children apparently much interested in their studies and doing wonderfully good work. Many improvements are being undertaken and much valuable work has been accomplished. The installation by the Government of a new plant for softening water has greatly improved the heating and laundry system.

The W.M.S. workers at the Rolling River Reserve are busy making warm stockings and mitts for the children and socks for the old Indians out of discarded Balaclava helmets supplied by the Indian Department. The girls of the group have just finished a quilt which they greatly enjoyed making. It is being sent to the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home,'' Amkhut, India.

Lizard Point Reserve Auxiliary, Rossburn, organized two years ago, celebrated the 70th anniversary of the W.M.S. The meeting was a great success. Men and women were invited and the Church was practically full. Rev. E. H. Lockhart and Mrs. Lockhart of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, were present and Mr. Lockhart gave an interesting address on, ''The Dream of the Future, which is even now maturing; the world for Christ.'' The birthday cake was decorated with seven birthday candles which were lighted just before the singing of the doxology, and how the Indians sang! It was most inspiring to see and hear them. The offering was not a large one from the white people's standpoint but it was very good when the condition of the people here is considered. One thing is sure—an interest in the work of the Church has been aroused. At the close of the meeting a social hour was spent. A quilt which the women had made was hung in the Church for all to see. They wish it to be sent to a hospital.

Hospitals

CANORA, SASK.—"July was the heaviest month we have had since we came to Canora. There were 96 admissions with 12 maternity cases and 50 operations. Today is tonsil clinic and we have 10 cases."

Gifts from the Hospital Aid include a new operating table, suitable for spinal anæsthesia, costing about $575. Many repairs to the hospital building were made and financed from revenue. Up to the end of August, 1934, more patients were treated than during the whole of 1933.

Vegreville, Alta.—"We had such a lovely letter from Glennie's grandmother (the little boy who was so sick with double pneumonia) thanking us for our care and telling us how she appreciated us making him well again. It was one of the nicest letters I ever received. She said she was remembering us all in her prayers. We were helped by her letter."

The Hospital Aid's gift for 1934 was two Fowler beds, and their annual shower of 100 quart jars of fruit. Miss McPherson gave the Nurses' Home a new bed, complete with springs and mattress.

South Porcupine received the gift of a sun-ray lamp from the Dome Mines.

Ukrainian Ward Helper and Polish baby "Bubbles", at Canora Hospital.

Deaconess Department

Wanham Presbyterian Church Dedicated

SUNDAY, October 14th, saw the answer to the prayers of many, not only in the Peace River Presbytery, but throughout other parts of Canada when a Church building was opened and dedicated at Wanham, Alberta. The frame building, 20 by 36 feet with seating capacity of about 100, was made possible by a legacy left to the Women's Missionary Society for pioneer work and given to this field. The amount of this legacy is being supplemented by donations from members of the congregation and gifts from interested friends.

The services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Wright, Grande Prairie, Clerk of Peace River Presbytery. Mrs. G. MacDonald presided at the organ. Vocal selections were given by Mesdames Trump, Playdon, Mac-

Donald, Mr. L. Hoyt and the Sunday School children.

In the congregation for these services were friends who had walked three and four miles through mud and water to be present, also friends from the Heart Valley and Westvale points of this field, who drove eighteen miles in a wagon to participate in this dedication service. This is the first Church erected since the Peace River Presbytery was organized, in July, 1933, and the 5th in the Presbytery. We hope the coming year may see more such buildings erected and dedicated to the glory and worship of God.

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Another feature this year has been the work in girls' camps, under the leadership of our deaconesses. These intimate days of pleasure and profit spent together must have left lasting impressions on the lives of the girls. There has also been expansion. Mrs. Kovacs has been transferred from Hamilton, Ont., to Bekevar, Sask., where there is a large Hungarian settlement. The Ukrainians in the east end of Toronto are being ministered to by Rev. M. and Mrs. Fesenko. There are about 1,000 families in the district, communism is active, there is a dance hall, a theatre, a newspaper, but no Church. Services are held in the homes, and the missionaries are meeting with an encouraging response.

W.M.S. of Bekevar Hungarian Church

''This year the Rally Service was broadcast and we hope that many children in the country will benefit by it. Another forward step in our work is, the forming of a Girls' Club or Bible Class. I sent out about seventy invitations to girls over sixteen years of age, who were not attending Sunday School. About twenty girls responded the first morning.''—*Helen M. Ross, Deaconess, Saskatoon.*

''A happy memory indeed to 52 girls in Manitoba was the Presbyterian

Camp at Gimli. The programme was quite original for it carried out the idea of a ship, using nautical terms and names for the officers, while all their songs and yells composed by the groups had strains of the sea. The real camp spirit was evident and the happy outing resulted in many new recruits in the service of the Church.''—*Mamie Todd, Winnipeg.*

Library

THANK you for the lovely parcel of books. I had not seen the Books of the Old Testament printed separately before, and I am sure our Indians will be delighted to have them, especially as the print is such large type. Thanks to your kindness, there is a Bible in every home on the Reserve and our young men carry their pocket Testament around with them. The Books of the Psalms too are in use at our Church services.

Our work is going on steadily. At times we meet with discouragements but the knowledge that the W.M.S. is praying for us gives us renewed courage.

Three girls, ex-pupils of the Birtle School, are constant visitors. They are a great help in our Church work, always willing to sing solos, duets, or do anything we ask of them. One of them brought me some butter in a cup, which she had made herself, and when I tell you this is the first butter to be made on the reserve for some years, you will understand what a proud girl she was, and how pleased I was. I am encouraging our ex-pupils (girls) to take up dairy work and poultry raising, as there is no demand for them as domestics.

Our grain, potato, and vegetable crops are a complete failure, owing to the lack of rain. Fortunately we have lots of hay and the price will be good. We have had very little sickness among our people. The winters are always hard on the old people and children, but thanks to the kindness of the W.M.S. who send us bales we are able to keep them warmly clad, and that is the best preventative of sickness.—*M. E. Buckley, Rolling River Reserve.*

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I was very glad to receive the box of gospels, etc. Some I will keep for Christmas prizes, the rest I will give away now. The children love to get them and bring them to Sabbath School and Mission Band.—*Miss Grigor, Wanham, Alta.*

Lantern Slides

THE following quotations from the Provincial Reports speak for themselves: ''The slides give us an idea of the work that is being done in a way we could never get from reading.'' ''The views give a clear and comprehensive idea of our Church's work at home and overseas and are a great help in creating interest. Leaders of Mission Bands have been making good use of the sets prepared especially for them.'' ''We receive many letters commending the slides as a means of strengthening the interest in missionary work. The 'Abey Memorial' children's set is particularly interesting for children.'' ''One of our students used a set in his week-end services. Ministers, Sabbath School Superintendents, Leaders of Boys' and Girls' Groups have all expressed their appreciation of the worth of the pictures.''

Supplies—Western Relief

EMPTY HOOKS

Within his closet I dared to look
And my eyes discovered no empty hook.

But far in the back I chanced to note
What I knew was his last year's overcoat.

And I thought to myself, that shouldn't be there
It's warm and fit for a man to wear.

The hook it hangs on is made of steel,
The blasts of Winter it cannot feel.

And an empty hook is a handsomer thing
Than a man on the cold street shivering.

So for all who suffer and all who need
Let's empty those closet hooks, I plead.

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Chinese in Canada

AFTER Miss Dickson's visit to Windsor in September, Miss Melrose volunteered to work among our Chinese friends.

There is evidence of renewed interest in the Chinese work in Saskatchewan.

The Mission Band in Toronto has grown so large that we have secured a young man, from the Bible School, to look after the boys.

Chinese Blossoms, Montreal

Miss Dickson has organized a new Mission Band in Montreal, ''The Light Bearers''.

Victoria, Vancouver, Brockville and Ottawa all report good work being done, and we hope, very soon, to have regular visits made to the Chinese ladies in Hamilton.

India

FIVE delicate, uncared-for infants, that Miss Soutar received into the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home," when it opened, are now old enough to be promoted to the Amkhut Schools and are happy, healthy, normal children.

Miss Douglas held classes of new Christians in Toran Mall, two classes were for those learning to read and write, with the Bible as chief text book, and one class was for training those who will one day go out to do evangelistic work in the villages. She also gave some of the teaching methods for primary schools.

Growing interest in the work of our evangelists among the Bhils in the jungle and the Hindus and Mohammedans in the villages is most noticeable, and new Christians are eager for Bible study.

The Lake at Toran Mall, India

No longer is persuasion needed to bring even Mohammedan and high caste Hindu women to the Jobat Hospital, it is expected when the new maternity ward is ready it will be filled all the time. Miss McConnell returns to her duties after furlough with the distinction of having been awarded a graduate anæsthetist's diploma.

A forward step in the "Helen Macdonald" School, at Jhansi, is the opening of VIIth grade (high school) classes. It is a matter for sincere rejoicing that we were able, so soon after Miss Moodie's resignation, to send out Miss Ida M. McSparron, B.A., to help Miss Stringer carry on this very important work.

New Sunday Schools and Bible classes conducted by voluntary workers, with marked increase in attendance, are the result of special evangelistic campaigns.

An example is shown in the following touching story of the first baptismal service held at Baragoan. Thakurdin, a watchman, expressed his belief in Christ and requested baptism. He was about to go and claim his wife to whom he had been married in infancy though he had just learned she had become deaf and dumb. When asked how he felt about her helplessness, and whether he would go as a Christian or a Hindu, he replied, ''In God's sight she is my wife and it is not her fault that she is deaf and dumb. I will love her truly and teach her of Jesus. I cannot openly confess my change of faith or there may be a court case when I claim her but I go as a Christian in my heart and will not bring dishonor on my Master. As soon as I can I will openly make confession.'' He not only brought back his wife but his mother whom he had not seen for years and taught them both about Jesus and His love. All three were baptized at an impressive service conducted by Mr. Lowther and the elders of Jhansi Church, before a gathering of 100 people. The wife was nameless, so they called her Umadi, meaning Hope! Surely this is significant of the Hindu religion giving these people no hope, but having found it *in Christ* their Saviour.

Formosa

THE Mackay Memorial Hospital is filled to capacity, and doctors and nurses have the opportunity of ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of this large number of sufferers. Two Bible women go from patient to patient praying and teaching, and as a result, many patients carry back to their homes the Gospel of love and thus others are brought to Christ. Miss Hermanson is giving valiant service as the only foreign nurse in the hospital, Miss Chisholm being on furlough. We rejoice that Miss Weir, another qualified nurse, has been appointed to this hospital after she finishes her course at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home next April.

The attendance at the Girls' School increases steadily and more and more graduates are showing the benefits of their educational and religious training, some in their parents' homes, or in their own as wives of pastors or teachers, some by training as nurses or kindergarten teachers. The courses in the Women's School all stress Bible study. The women are showing a greater eagerness for knowledge. From these students are chosen the Bible women whose messages are now welcomed as they go from home to home.

Miss Adams received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Columbia University and on her return to Formosa organized a kindergarten Teachers' Training Class. This is a definite step forward, for the strength of the Church in the future lies in the proper teaching of the children. The Japanese Government now requires all teaching in Formosa Schools to be in the Japanese language. Our North Formosa Council has been able to arrange the work of the field so that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan and

Misses Taylor and Adams can go to Tokio to study Japanese in order to meet their requirements. This means sacrifice and extra work for every member of the staff, but they have willingly met the need.

The people of the Formosa Churches are realizing the importance of self-support and self-government. Greater emphasis is being placed on Sunday Schools, and young people's work. Several summer conferences, and Bible study groups have been held. Every effort is being made to interest the young people of Formosa and lead them to take part in the activities of the Church. The Formosan W.M.S. is supporting three Bible women.

The completion of Happy Mount Church and the opening of Happy Mount Leprosy Colony were notable events in 1934. Recently, the local government asked Dr. Gushue-Taylor to admit 17 patients to the Colony, and they will make a small per capita grant towards their support.

We are thankful to God for the faithfulness of our missionaries, who are striving to do their Christian duty to the Japanese Government, the people of Formosa, the Church and the W.M.S.

Japan

A YEAR CROWNED WITH GOODNESS

WHEN we think of the increased numbers attending our Churches and Sunday Schools; the steady advance of our groups in self-supporting lines; our two comfortable new homes for missionaries; the starting of new groups of Christians and Sunday Schools in spite of the shrinkage of funds from home; the deepening of the spiritual lives of many of our people and many other such blessings which our Lord and Master has freely bestowed we can truly say with the Psalmist "He crowneth the year with His goodness."

One of the happy things about this evangelistic effort for Koreans is the way it seems to appeal to all. It is true that, as yet, we have not built up many strong congregations but we are consoled when we think that we are putting the "Good News" within hearing of many thousands of Koreans, who otherwise would not know that Jesus died to save them from their sins. The poor are having the Gospel preached unto them. That, we think, is our justification for being here.

Korea's great evangelist, Rev. Kim Iktoo held special meetings in a number of our churches. During these meetings over five hundred Koreans expressed their desire to study the word of God and become Christians.

We have seen the working of His Spirit in the lives of men and women. Disquietude has been displaced by genuine joy. The "entrance of His Word has given light," and the passion has been born to tell others the "old, old story." So we praise Him for those results which

He has allowed us to see, and for those, too, which, though unseen by us, are being worked out.

Among our three Sunday School classes in Nagoya, a friendly rivalry exists, and each Sabbath a large grape-vine at the front of the room bears additional fruit, as the winning class adds a grape for each member in excess of the number in attendance the previous Sabbath.

As I think about the progress which our Groups in Nagoya have made during the year, the first thought which comes to me is the zeal with which the Christians work. They are always, not only anxious to be spiritually fed themselves, but they also plan to hold special meetings in all the different parts of the city so that the Gospel may be spread as widely as possible among their people.

I wish you could see those Nagoya Sunday School children as I see them! We have an average attendance of twenty-five. When we began they knew absolutely nothing about worship. My teacher taught them about God being a Spirit, and that during prayer we were talking to God and that they must be reverent. She told them to bow their heads, close their eyes, and to keep them closed till she said ''Amen'' and this they do very well. Every Korean Christian when he enters the place of worship prays.

The women continue to be very much interested in the work of the W.M.S. One morning I noticed several strangers at the recess between church service and W.M.S. meeting. I went and spoke to them. The strangers proved to be a mother and her two daughters. They live in the country about an hour's distance from the church by car. The W.M.S. topic for that day was ''The Love of God.'' Many and various were the testimonies. The mother, with tears of joy running down her cheeks, told of the love of God in revealing to them the fact that there is a Korean church in Nagoya. She was overjoyed at meeting other Christians in Japan, and in knowing that work is being carried on throughout Japan among the Koreans.

The work for the little folks has prospered during the year, there are now seven kindergartens with more children enrolled than in any previous year. In the schools where children bring their lunch they would never think of eating until all are seated and all together they give thanks to the Heavenly Father for the good things which He provides for them.

The Women's Missionary Society has shown few discouragements and many encouragements. I attended a W.M.S. meeting in fourteen different churches and at every meeting there was some encouraging phase. Last year for the first time all the Auxiliaries followed the same programme, the motto for the year being Matthew 9: 37-39, ''The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few.'' In some cases the women are helping in the support of their Bible women and in all cases the organization is a real benefit to the church.

Our Sunday School at Ogi is our greatest delight. Over seventy children are attending and we have had the joy of seeing one of the older boys take his stand for Christ.

Our need for medical work for the 100,000 Koreans in Osaka is still unmet. As one visits Korean homes and sees the poverty and sickness one longs for the healing touch and the power to bring relief where it is so badly needed. We feel the need is such that it presents a challenge to us to see that it is met. We are working for the spiritual salvation of the Koreans in this land. Medical work on the mission field has proved itself, over and over again, to be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of evangelistic agencies.

God has assuredly answered your prayers on behalf of the Koreans in Japan and we ask that you will continue to remember these people before the Throne of Grace.

British Guiana

FROM Graham Cruickshank's "Pages from the Scottish Kirk in British Guiana", published by the "Argosy" Company Limited, in 1930, we learn the following particulars as to the origin of missionary work among the East Indians:

"In the late sixties the Presbyterian Missionary Society considering it desirable to make a beginning in the evangelization of the East Indian, employed a catechist who commenced work on the West Coast of Demerara. This came to be known as the 'West Coast Coolie Mission'.

"In 1885 the Rev. John Gibson of the Canadian Church arrived from Ontario and for three years labored in St. Luke's parish, in temporary charge of the parish. He died in November 1888. The Rev. James Johnson (also a Canadian) in temporary charge of the parish, died a few years before. Both are buried in the parish churchyard. Work was then carried on by East Indian catechists under the superintendence of the minister of the parish."

East Indian missions were also established on the East Coast of Demerara, in Berbice and Essequibo.

"For ten years after his retirement from St. Andrew's (in March, 1887) the Rev. Thomas Slater labored as a missionary at Better Hope (East Coast) the work being maintained by the proprietors of Plantation Vryheid's Lust, an old Scottish family, the Crum Ewings. In 1896 he retired. The proprietors then invited the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to take over the mission, and a second missionary was sent out, Rev. J. B. Cropper. Other missionaries for work in the same field followed.

''The Presbytery of British Guiana thereafter gradually withdrew from mission work among the East Indians.''

In a recent report from Rev. David Marshall, our Church missionary in British Guiana, he says: ''The East Indian community of the present day is very different from the East Indian community of 1890. At the present time the young East Indians are prominent in politics, in the legal profession, in the medical profession and in business. They associate more freely with other races than they formerly did.''

When our Church Mission Board has decided on its future policy regarding the work in British Guiana, the Women's Missionary Society will fall in line to help the women and children to keep pace in the advancement. What a glorious opportunity will be afforded to some consecrated Christian teacher to train these amiable East Indian girls, and, to one or two devoted deaconesses to help the women!

Manchuria and South China

SPECIAL needs for tracts which are eagerly read by the people in Manchuria are being met by our grant for Christian Literature. The Short Term Bible Classes are made possible by our grant, twice as many students as last year having been enrolled.

In South China our grant has assisted a number of students who have made good, also the building of a much needed chapel at Tung Kun city and a new house for women's work in Shek Lung. In both these places the converts tell ''their brother'' and bring him to Christ, and he in turn tells others.

What Shall Be My Gift?

THERE is tissue paper all around me, and gay ribbons, and boxes with pretty things for the Christmas presents, and a list (oh, such an important list!) of those whom I love so dearly, and for whom I save my choicest gifts. But as I look over my list—have I thought of the Friend who makes the joy of Christmastide? Have I thought of the One to whom all things belong save the gift which I may give? How could I have forgotten to put the Christ's name on my Christmas list?

What shall I give to Him? The loving service of my heart which He cannot command but which He has won? How shall I manifest the overflowing gratitude for my knowledge of Him as a gift to God? Can I give Him a missionary, can I send a radiant young life out to proclaim the song and the star to the lands where the songs are not yet burdened with His precious Name, and the star does not shine down through the ages with the radiance of hope?

Or—Can I give Him a deaconess to work in the Peace River District or Northern Ontario or our Western Provinces?

Or—May I give Him a missionary nurse for the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa?

Or—A woman doctor to minister to the poor Koreans in Osaka?

Or—An evangelist for India?

Or—A teacher for British Guiana?

Or—If I cannot have the joy of giving these larger gifts, may I send to the missionary treasurer my check or my bill to reach her on Christmas morning, wrapped up in a gaily colored envelope; would it not be more welcome than any other Christmas card?

Or—Can I enliven the home of some shut-in with a tiny tree decorated simply with inexpensive trinkets, powdered snow and candles, with messages of cheer from absent friends neatly written and attached to the branches as gifts, and send a fitting devotional message and words of love and cheer?

Or—And my pencil marks this as the best possibility of all on this my Christmas list—Can I offer to Him my gift of service by teaching a little child, who is planning with joyous secrecy gifts for her dear ones, to think of a gift for her Christ? If it be only a little coin, let it be equal in value to that expended for other gifts! Shall I have her polish it until it glows—for it is a gift to a King! Shall it be wrapped in fair paper and tied with a gay ribbon and be placed on the Christmas tree, marked as a gift to be sent to the Treasurer of the W.M.S. for service for the dear Lord Christ?—*Adapted.*

Books Old and New

THE new Book Lists for special Gift Suggestions have just been made up, and are now ready for distribution. Will any who are interested in a good type of reading, send for a copy? Special discounts are given to group orders. The Juvenile list is particularly well chosen, and the price range starts from fifteen cents, with a wide selection under fifty cents. We have a good line of Missionary books, Bible stories, and wholesome literature for young people to read.

IN THE STEPS OF THE MASTER, by H. V. Morton. At last this amazingly popular writer has given us a travel book on Palestine. The new edition is now ready, price $2.50.

ZERAH, a lovely tale of old Bethlehem, price in cloth $1.00.

THE QUIET PLACE, by Rev. Wm. Allan, quiet talks and meditations. The author is a Presbyterian minister in Toronto. A charming book. Price $1.00.

SPINNING WHEELS AND HOMESPUN, by Helen Williams, a book on pioneer Canada, and an inexpensive gift, price 85c. beautifully bound.

DR. JESSIE MacBEAN, a new book at 45c. in board cover or $1.00 in cloth. This book should be in every group.

Space will not permit more gift suggestions, but the new list is replete with good books reasonably priced. Write to Room 700, 372 Bay Street, for a copy.

Juveniles

THE BIBLE SERIES with six titles, (Paul, David, Jesus, Joseph and the Prophets), are 15c. each.

GOLDEN GIFT SERIES—Bible Pictures, and The First Gift, 15c. each.

HEROES OF THE CROSS series, Moffat, Livingstone, Mary Slessor, Chalmers and others are 35c. each, suitable for nine to eighteen years.

EXPLORING BY AIR } Two new boys' books of
GREAT STORIES OF THE AIR } adventure, price each 35c.

THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS } Large size illustrated Bible
A BOOK OF MIRACLES } stories, price each 35c.

A Christmastide Prayer

WE thank Thee that, at this Christmas-time, people everywhere are listening to the song of peace and goodwill. Teach us to be people of goodwill and builders of nations of goodwill. Grant that we may make room for Thee in our national life and in our personal life and that the rulers of the earth may worship at the manger of the Christ-Child who revealed the love of the Father for the children of men. O thou who didst send the glorious company of the heavenly host to proclaim the birth of Thy blessed Son, spread we entreat Thee knowledge of His Name through all the world. Bless the missionaries of the Cross, grant Thy comfort to the sad and the sorrowing and Christmas joy to the downcast and depressed. ''Let us all, this Christmas time, go back to Bethlehem praying as we go for the childlike eyes to see, childlike heart to understand and childlike love to welcome Christ into every relation and realm of human life.''

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
★ Be born in us today. ★
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.

Service for the First Auxiliary Meeting in the New Year

NEW VENTURES FOR 1935

MISS P. B. LAMONT, TORONTO

Call to Worship: Ps. 95: 1-7 (a).

Hymn 86: ''All People That on Earth do Dwell''.

Lord's Prayer, in unison.

Leader: We are Laborers Together with God. II Cor. 6: 1-4.

Prayer: Thanksgiving, Confession, Supplication for our Church, our Missionaries, our Society and its Members, especially our Young People.

Bible Reading: Mark 4: 35-40.
Partnership in a New Venture—v. 35, 36.
Difficulties Met—v. 37-39.
Rebuke—v. 40.

Hymn 554: ''O Jesus I Have Promised''.

Prayer: For Vision, Faith and Courage to expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

Brief Address or Discussion: New Ventures for 1935.
Greater Service,
Closer Fellowship,
Larger Membership.

Hymn 697: ''Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year''.

Benediction, in unison: Heb. 13: 20, 21.

YOUNG WOMEN

GIFTS WHICH BLESS THE GIVER

WE have come again to the glad season of the year when we join with the great multitude that praise God for the gift of His Son Christ Jesus our Lord. As we look forward to that joyous anniversary, let us not be like the innkeeper who, ''midst the noise and rush of many things, failed to see the Star and did not hear the Song.'' Let us catch a vision of the true spirit of Christmas—the Christ-like giving of self and substance.

The story is told of a Christmas gift given by a young girl in far off Africa. It was Christmas Day and this young girl came with all the negro Christians to the mission to celebrate the Lord's birthday. They did not come to receive presents from the mission nor from each other. They came to bring Jesus the best gift they possessed. They were very poor and so their gifts were small, but all given from loving hearts. Some brought a few vegetables, others a handful of rice or a penny. To the great surprise of the missionary this young girl put a silver coin worth eighty-five cents in his hand. He could not understand where she could possibly have got so much money, so he asked her to wait as he wished to talk to her. He was amazed when he learned that in order to give an offering to her Saviour that would satisfy her heart, she had sold herself to a neighboring planter as a slave for the rest of her life. She had given all she was worth, so that through her gift others might hear about the Saviour who died to save and redeem them.

Surely there is a message there for us. Are we giving our best gifts to our Saviour? How it would delight His heart, if we would give him our greatest gift, even ourselves.

A well-known evangelist has said, ''You can't beat God giving.'' No matter what we may give God, of our money, our talents, our time, our strength and even ourselves, He will give us more than we can ever give Him. That is why we celebrate Christmas, to honor ''the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.''

There was no room for Him at the inn
That night so long ago.
The winds blew chill from the wintry sky,
The hurrying throngs passed coldly by,
The kine had the byre from the night winds cold,
The lambs on the hillside the safe warm fold,
But oh for the Christ-child small
There was no room.

Perchance the stars more brightly shone,
The moon made a silver way
That led to the friendly stable door,
To the hay piled soft on the manger floor.
They did not see, who hurried along,
The flash of wings, hear angel song,
Nor sense the glory that near them lay
Where humble shepherds their tribute pay
Low at His feet.

Is there room for Him in the world today?
The Babe of Bethlehem?
Softly He knocks at our hearts so cold.
Shall we heed Him not, as did those of old?
Let's haste to His crib, and kneeling, say:
''Dear Lord, we give You our hearts today.
Make them worthy, fair and pure,
This Christmas morn.''—*Helena Driscoll.*

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

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GIRLS AND LEADERS

''OUR WESTERN FRIENDS''

Dear Leaders and Girls:—

I WISH that you were journeying with me in Western Canada and meeting the girls and leaders of our prairie provinces. Perhaps I can picture for you some of the places and people, for I know that you are interested in the girls ''out West'', just as they are anxious to hear of the girls ''down East''.

At the end of September I finished a whole summer of camping by attending a weekend camp for senior girls at Chippewa Park, Fort William. Yes, it was cold, but we sat around a fire of huge logs on the shores of Lake Superior, and forgot the chilly night air as we sang camp songs. At Port Arthur, I discovered that the girls last year studied a course on the ''Life of Jesus'', and at the end of the year wrote assignments and received certificates. Isn't that a good idea?

In Winnipeg, we held several rallies and a leaders' meeting, and I also drove out to many country places. One evening we visited the mission church at East Selkirk, where Miss Jenkinson worked for some years, to meet the girls from East Selkirk and Gonor. Many of them are Ukrainian girls who work for long hours on the farm; they drove up gaily to the meeting in a truck, and we had to wait while the gasoline lamps were repaired for the meeting to begin. They have their own group songs just as we do, and most of them wore blue bands over their shoulders with the name of the group stitched on in white. I wish that you could hear those girls sing ''Jacob's Ladder''.

At Morden, Manitoba, I discovered that the girls had never before been visited by a Secretary, and that many of them attended camp this summer for the first time. Morden is in the southern part of the province where there are dust storms, droughts, and grasshoppers as well. Lenore, Manitoba, C.G.I.T. girls had had no visitors for four years, and we nearly passed them by, for we lost our way. Lenore has the distinction of having but one Church—the Presbyterian. We finished the meeting with folk dancing, on a floor that swayed most alarmingly.

One of the Regina groups had an excellent suggestion for mission study. They wrote the story of a Canadian girl from her birth to her marriage, each girl choosing one section—''her school'', ''her first party'', ''her church'', ''her wedding''. This interesting letter was then dispatched to a girl in India. They also have partially completed a quilt, embroidered with the portraits of our Indian missionaries. Regina girls held a very lovely Rally in First Church—a Rally that ended with a bean supper.

Weyburn, Saskatchewan, as you perhaps know, is in the centre of the dried out area, but the people are cheerful in spite of hardships. There we had a supper meeting with 43 girls attending, and representatives from a new group at Prairie View, near the home of Mary Sherrick. They laughed at my umbrella, for they haven't used them for several years, and they tell pitiful stories of the sufferings of men and women and the poor horses and cattle.

At Prince Albert, I had the pleasure of meeting with the group which won the pageant contest, and of telling them of its presentation in Montreal. The girls there planned and served an excellent supper, and provided entertainment as well. Here in Saskatoon I am staying at the Presbyterian Residence, with its lovely oak floors and its cosy, cheerful atmosphere. Very soon I shall be on my way to Edmonton and Calgary, and so on through the Rockies to the Pacific coast.

Perhaps next month I shall continue the story of my Western adventures, but before that I must say a ''Merry Christmas'' to you all, both East and West.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Hill,
Girls' Work Secretary.

MISSION BANDS

A MISSIONARY SANTA CLAUS

JACK FROST was out. The mischievous little imp was looking for someone's fingers or toes to pinch. He heard the merry tinkle of sleigh bells and spied a sleigh drawn by two trotting horses coming down the road.

Jack Frost whistled. ''This looks like fun for me,'' he said, as he noticed two ladies sitting in the sleigh.

''Please don't touch them,'' whispered a little snowflake that was just falling, ''that is the missionary lady and her friend, they are playing Santa Claus today.''

''Santa Claus! Away up here in Northern Alberta! I have seldom heard of him here,'' replied Jack Frost.

''Come with me and see for yourself,'' said the snowflake as it settled to rest on the missionary's hat.

Jack Frost ran along beside the sleigh as it followed the lonely road through the bush.

Soon they came to a clearing and saw a little log house. A gust of wind blew the snowflake to the window pane and the snowflake called to Jack Frost, ''I am going to watch from here, if I went inside I would melt.''

''And I would go sound asleep if I went inside the house where it is warm,'' said Jack Frost, as he too climbed up to peek in the window. Jack Frost jumped down quicker than he had climbed up for he found himself looking right into six little faces, and he remembered that he had sometimes pinched the fingers of those little children because they had had no mitts to put on. He heard a scamper of feet as the door opened and the missionary and her friend with their arms filled with bundles went inside.

''Come on back,'' said the snowflake. ''The children aren't at the windows any more, they heard the sleigh bells and wanted to see what the noise was all about.''

Jack Frost jumped up to the window sill and looked in. It wasn't a big house, just one room, a stove, a bench, a table and two beds, but everything was neat and clean. The missionary was standing by the table, and, from a big bag, she was taking out parcels and unwrapping them. The children were standing very still, their eyes wide open and full of wonder as a doll, a picture book and a beautiful ball were unwrapped and put on the table. What does this mean? they seemed to be asking their mother, they did not know what it was all about for they had never had Christmas presents before.

The missionary beckoned to the children to come to the table. They came with a rush and the children got the toys they wanted most. Brownie, who was nine years old, got a doll and hugged it tightly. Frances, who was a year younger, wanted the picture book and ran to a corner and sat down to look at it. Casmia got a dear little doll and thought it was the nicest thing of all, and little Helena received a string of pretty beads. John, who was four years old, was given the ball, how his eyes danced as he bounced it up and down. Edward, the baby, was too shy to take the rattle which was for him, so the missionary put it into his hand and closed his little fingers around the handle. After this there was a candy sucker for each of the children and some nice warm stockings, sweaters and mitts.

''Wh-ee'' whistled Jack Frost, ''I won't get a chance to pinch their fingers and toes any more when they have those nice warm clothes on.''

Jack Frost looked in again. The missionary was going. The children were unable to thank her because they could only speak Polish, but the mother, in broken English, was saying ''thank you'' for the first Christmas presents they had ever had. Before the missionary said good-bye to that new Canadian home she left some pictures of the little Child Jesus who came to this world as God's Christmas gift to all mankind.

—B. K. Riddell

Material for this story was taken from a letter from Miss Grigor who is our deaconess at Wanham, Alberta.

Leaders' Corner

THE series of short articles on the Training Course for Mission Band Leaders was completed in November. Starting this month and continuing throughout next year there will be a ''Leaders' Corner''. On this page we hope to have practical suggestions that will be helpful to Mission Band Leaders.

Suggestions for the Christmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Mission Band is usually a special meeting. We suggest that the mothers and Auxiliary members, and any children who do not belong to the Band be invited, in the hope that they may join. After a short devotional service the following little playlet could be used. If the Band has prepared Christmas gifts there could be a short ''white gift'' service followed by a short social time.

A WORLD-WIDE CHRISTMAS

Any number of girls and boys of any age may take part in this little play. A choir of girls and boys, or of girls alone dressed in white, march on to the platform singing softly "Silent Night, Holy Night." Just before the close the Christmas Angel enters, dressed in a flowing, white robe, with wings and crown, and says:

TWO thousand years ago it was
That Jesus came to earth;
The lowliest babe 'neath Bethlehem's sky,
Yet angels sang His birth.
Two thousand years! And still untold
The message sent from heaven!
Two thousand years! And still withheld
The gift that God has given!

Is the Christmastide kept, throughout the whole world?
Is Christ's banner of love o'er all nations unfurled?
Oh, tell me, the Spirit of Christmas, tonight,
Whether lands once in darkness have seen the great light?

Enter Girl in Syrian costume: My home is in the eastern land of Syria. I am only a girl, so my brothers say that I have no mind, and must be their slave. With my mother and sisters I work in the fields, and in the house, too. We live in a little stone hut with just one room, and at night we all roll up in blankets and sleep on the mud floor. When we girls go out into the street we have to cover ourselves with a sheet and veil our faces. Sometimes, when my father beats me, I am very unhappy, but though I fast and pray three times a day to the great God Allah, he is generally angry, and will not hear my prayers.

Christmas Angel:

Though the light first shone over Syria's plains,
That land is now bound with the heaviest chains.
Oh, why is the land where Jesus was born
In ignorance lying, bowed down and forlorn?

Enter Chinese Boy: I am a Chinese boy. I am proud of my country because it is so many thousands of years old. I am glad that I'm not a girl. There are so many of them in China that they are often not wanted, and sometimes they are sold as slaves. The boys don't always have an easy time, either, for we have to do just as our parents and grandparents tell us, and when they die we must pray to them, along with the other gods on the kitchen shelf.

Christmas Angel:

Christ's message must come to this ancient land
In the Christmas song of the angel band.

Enter Siamese Girl: I came from sunny Siam, the land of pagodas and white elephants. I live in a house that floats on the water, because such a house as that cannot be washed away by a flood. We have beautiful, high temples in our land, and in one of them are more than a thousand idols, but though there are so many, none of them ever hear the prayers of the poor little overworked girls.

Christmas Angel:

Jesus will hear even the humblest prayer,
Which is offered in Siam or anywhere.

Enter Hindu Girl: Perhaps I ought not to come to you, Beautiful Spirit, for I am only a poor little Hindu widow, and if my mother-in-law knew that I had stolen away from home she would beat me. I am only ten years old, but I have been so sad since my husband died, for now I am an outcast, and everyone despises me. Kind Spirit, is there anything I can do to make the god more kind?

Christmas Angel:

Though your life is empty and your heart is sad,
The Spirit of Christmas can make you glad.

Enter an Indian Boy: Here comes an Indian boy from North America! My father was once a great chief, but the white man stole all his lands so that now we are very poor. I hunt and fish in the forest all day, and forget my troubles in the sunlight; but when night comes, and the wind howls through the treetops, I am full of fear. I think then that the awful Evil Spirit is coming down through the dark to do me harm.

Christmas Angel:

Have you ne'er heard the story of Jesus' birth,
How He came as a Babe, years ago, to the earth?
To shed His love through the darkest hour,
And to be our helper with infinite power?

Enter Eskimo Boy: My home is away up in the frozen north, where you can see nothing all the year round but ice and snow. We live in snowhouses, and always wear furs. Oh! but I get lonesome sometimes, especially when we never see the sun for months and months! I wonder why the wicked spirits send us so much cold and darkness.

Christmas Angel (stepping forward):

Oh! shame to you, selfishly slumbering men,
Who hold back the message of gladness;
The story of Christmas two thousand years old,
And yet to so few has its beauty been told
That the world is still bowed down with sadness!
Oh! now on this night may the glad tidings ring,
Throughout the world far and wide:
That Jesus is come, as its Saviour and King.
So stoop, heavenly choirs, and the glad message sing,
That this is the blest Christmastide!

Singing by Choir: The first two verses of ''O Little Town of Bethlehem.''

Scripture Reading by Christmas Angel: Matt. 2: 1-10.

Solo: Any appropriate Christmas song.

Scripture Reading by Christmas Angel: Luke 2: 8-14.

Singing by Choir: ''It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.'' One verse.

Reading: Luke 2: 15, 16.

Christmas Angel (turning to representatives of different countries):

Oh, come, ye weary hearts weighted down with care,
Come ye, unto the place where Jesus lies;
The Lord of life is He, and yet His love
Doth not a manger throne tonight despise.
Oh, come, ye weary hearts 'neath the star,
Which led them to the infant Son of God,
Bringing rich gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Our hearts the golden offering we bring,
The frankincense of adoration pure,
And myrrh of service, to the new-born King.
Oh, come, as did the shepherds in their meekness,
Come, worship Him whom angel forms bend o'er;
Come with your burdens, lay them there before Him,
And, finding Him, be blest for evermore.

The representatives of the countries kneel, singing with the choir the last verse of ''O Little Town of Bethlehem,'' then leave the platform, followed by the Christmas Angel.

—*Primrose Woolverton, in ''World Friends''.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S.—Grace Church Auxiliary combined its Thanksgiving meeting with the birthday celebration in honor of the 70th anniversary of our W.M.S. The President, Mrs. George Rae, presided. After singing ''O God our help in ages past,'' Mrs. R. S. Gibson read the 49th Psalm and Mrs. F. W. Allott offered the Thanksgiving prayer. Rev. Jas. McNeil, the speaker of the evening gave a comprehensive address on the rise and development of our W.M.S. in Canada, dealing particularly with that of the Western Division.

An impressive item on the programme was ''lighting the torch''—a short dialogue by Mrs. Rae and four young ladies, representing the Young Women's Auxiliary, the Junior Young Women's class, the C.G.I.T. and the Mission Band. Holding a tall lighted candle, Mrs. Rae compared this torch to the torch which our W.M.S. lighted 70 years ago, and as it has shed its ray to all parts of the homeland, as well as to many darkened lands across the sea, so must we ever keep it burning. This was then passed to the other ladies, and each, in turn, pledged her faith and expressed the hope, that its rays would become brighter and stronger. Another interesting feature was the cutting of the birthday cake at the tea hour, by the oldest member, Mrs. McCuaig, who is 92 years of age, and the presentation, to her, of a pretty corsage of roses, by Mrs. T. M. Allen. A three-tiered birthday cake, made by one of the members, and the ancient costumes worn by several of the ladies, added interest to the meeting.

Knox Church Auxiliary shows a growing interest in missionary work. A special feature of the meetings is the definite prayers offered on behalf of our missionaries. Three months are devoted to the study of each mission field. In this way our members become better acquainted with the names of our missionaries in the various fields, and added interest results. At the Thank-offering meeting an illustrated lecture on the Sudan was given, showing the need for greater missionary efforts.

Red Deer P.S.—The fall meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Olds, October 3rd. Members were present from Innisfail, Carstairs, Willowdale, Olds and Red Deer. Mrs. Hugh Jack presided. After the routine of reports and discussions, Mrs. F. W. Allott addressed the meeting.

Red Deer Auxiliary meeting was well attended by members and visitors to meet Mrs. C. P. Young, of India. Mrs. Young gave an interesting travelogue talk, taking her audience to the different stations in the Bhil field. Much interest was shown in the costumes and novelties, worn by the native women, and displayed by the speaker.

Rocky Mountain House Auxiliary was favored by a visit from Mrs. F. W. Allott, Provincial President, who gave a helpful address on ''Our Responsibility to Missions''. Mrs. Allott then, in a neat speech, presented the special prize, given by the Council in Montreal, to the Rocky Mountain House Mission Band for scrap books. The Mission Band then put on a very pretty drill. Mrs. McVicar, Miss Matthews and Mrs. Jack, all of Red Deer, gave brief addresses.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—A successful ''stay-at-home'' camp was held in Vancouver. The camp was promoted by the Girls' Leaders' Council and the Synod's Committee for S.S. and Y.P.S. A world friendship day closed the camp. Missionaries from Japan and India were present and told of their work. Mrs. Herd, Provincial President, and

Miss Sybil White, Chairman of the Girls' Work Board, also addressed the girls.

The fall rally of this Presbyterial was held in Robertson Church. Mrs. McPherson presided and welcomed members among whom was Miss Ruth Heighton, now in training in Toronto for missionary work in India. Mrs. Young, of India, addressed the meeting on mission work in the Bhil field.

Mrs. Herd, Provincial President, visited First Church Auxiliary, Prince Rupert, and gave an interesting report of the Council meeting in Montreal.

Westminster P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Kerrisdale W.M.S. Mrs. Harry, of the Japanese Evangelical Mission, gave an interesting account of her work. There are 10,000 Japanese in Vancouver and three Buddhist temples. The Japanese are well organized to promote their religion. Earnest prayer is needed to cope with this problem in our midst.

Kootenay P.S.—Nelson W.M.S. held a charming 70th anniversary party carried out according to suggestions in *Glad Tidings.* After the missionary programme a social hour was spent.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, Penticton, has completed a visit to the Auxiliaries of this Presbyterial, giving them a vivid report of the Council meeting in Montreal. The Auxiliaries and Churches of this Presbyterial have also been privileged to hear Rev. C. P. and Mrs. Young tell of their mission work in India.

Victoria P.S.—Graphic pictures of mission work among the Bhils in India were sketched for an interested audience in St. Andrew's Church when Rev. C. P. and Mrs. Young were the speakers. This meeting was arranged in connection with the semi-annual session of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Thos. Wilson, Provincial Corresponding Secretary, gave an interesting and comprehensive report of the 70th anniversary meeting of the W.M.S., held in Montreal, to which she was a delegate.

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BRANDON P.S.—The Auxiliary of First Church, Brandon, celebrated the 70th anniversary of the W.M.S. in October, with a large number of members and friends present. Mrs. J. F. Leslie presided and as the members came each registered in a book provided for that purpose. The guest speaker was Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Melita, who gave an interesting review of the work of the Society. Other speakers were, Miss Campbell, Dauphin, and Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn. The devotions were taken by two past Presidents, Mrs. J. A. Gray and Mrs. Geo. Ferrier. Mrs. Jas. Howe, Morden, a former member, was presented with a Life Membership, a gift from Miss E. Aitken. Flowers were presented to two of the oldest members, Mrs. A. Barrie and Mrs. M. B. Cameron, by two Mission Band members. The tea table was centered with the birthday cake on which were seven lighted candles.

Mrs. T. Douglas presided over the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., Brandon. Mrs. J. Gray and Rev. W. J. Allen gave appropriate addresses. This was the 70th anniversary of the organization of the W.M.S. and the tea table was centered with a birthday cake.

The W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church, Hartney, celebrated the 70th anniversary of the W.M.S. by entertaining the ladies of the congregation and Home Helpers. The programme in *Glad Tidings* was followed, past Presidents assisting. The President, Mrs. Perrin, gave a short talk on the Council meeting, held in Montreal. Miss M. Duthie gave the history of the Society which was organized over forty years ago, and Mr. S. Johnson, Knox College, gave an inspiring address on the Gospel. Mrs. M. Coulter, the oldest member of the W.M.S., was presented with a bouquet of flowers. At the close all gathered round a table centered with a birthday cake lighted with candles. Mrs. G. Morrison, the oldest member of the Church present cut the cake.

Superior P.S. met in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, Mrs. Cundy presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. W. Ballantyne and Mrs. C. LeCocq. The Treasurer reported a balance of $84. The Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T. Secretary told of all meetings started for the fall term. Miss Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, is to address meetings in Westfort, Fort William and Port Arthur. Reports were also received from the Home Helpers and Mission Band Secretaries. A mass meeting of C.G.I.T. girls is to be held in the hope that the girls will consider affiliation with the W.M.S. The plan of dividing the Auxiliary into groups and having each group take charge has added interest to the meetings.

A happy event took place in First Presbyterian Church, Fort William, when the boys and girls of the Mission Band celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Presbyterian W.M.S. in Canada. Mrs. P. Cundy, Superintendent, presided, and told the story of the organization of the W.M.S. in Montreal 70 years ago. A feature was the huge cake, decorated in white and silver with 7 candles, one for each decade. The children put 70 pennies in the birthday box and, as the candles burned, formed a circle and sang the doxology.

Rev. J. A. McMahon, First Church, Port Arthur, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Mrs. H. R. Grant presided. A vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Jane Hogarth for her work in connection with the W.M.S. and affiliated Societies. Following the meeting of First Church W.M.S., Port Arthur, an enjoyable supper was served with the Y.W.A. as guests. One method used to train officers was suggested: after the business, conducted by the President, a number of women take charge in order—chairman, scripture lesson, prayer, collection, roll call, current events, topic. All sit in the front. This plan has met with success.

ONTARIO

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WHAT a year of anniversaries, from the comparatively young organization to that of three score and ten, for at least one Auxiliary in Ontario celebrated its 70th birthday, with several Presbyterials and Auxiliaries their Golden Jubilee!

Midland Auxiliary, Barrie P.S., fittingly observed the 70th of the mother Society, having as their speaker Mrs. Freeman, Pasadena, California, a summer visitor. Mr. Robert Irwin had the honor of cutting the cake.

High Park Group, Knox Church, Toronto, also celebrated by conducting an old time meeting. Members were dressed in costumes of early days and represented the first officers, one wearing a dress that had actually been worn to Auxiliary meetings in Knox Church sixty years ago. Another was held at Hastings. Mrs. S. H. Hill was the speaker. Miss M. A. Foulds, oldest member, was presented with flowers and cut the cake. Grand Valley celebrated with Mrs. E. Crane and Mrs. Reith giving talks on the work of the past 70 years, Mrs. Lawson bringing a message for the future. The birthday cake was the gift of Mrs. W. Buchanan.

Many Auxiliaries in Paris also followed the birthday programme while Knox Church Auxiliary, Woodstock, celebrated its 70th anniversary, being organized in 1864. Addresses were given by Miss Kennedy Muir, who carried her audience through the intervening years to the present realization of their dreams. Mrs. R. C. Campbell, President, spoke on the unfinished task of the W.M.S., Mrs. H. Pullin reading the poem, "Forward we shall venture". A letter from Miss McConnell, Jobat, India, was read.

Miss Margaret Ramsay, of Formosa, addressed two Mission Band rallies at Brampton and Woodstock, telling the children that in Formosa, the Dragon is an emblem of good luck; that boys and girls and grown-ups, too, wear wooden shoes, stockings, ankle length, with a pocket for the big toe like the thumb in a mitten; that teacups are without handles, and many other interesting things, giving the children a real peep into the customs of that country. 170 children were present. A goodly number of Junior Memberships and certificates were awarded, Mrs. Campbell urging the members to carry on the work in the world. Mrs. R. Patterson, Ingersoll, presided.

Maitland P.S. was organized in Knox Church, Kincardine, fifty years ago and celebrated its Golden Jubilee there this year. Two members who were present on that first occasion, Mrs. J. Breckenridge and Mrs. W. Bell, both of Ripley Auxiliary, were presented with Life Memberships. Addresses were given by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, first Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, and Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Toronto. Greetings came from many former members. The birthday cake was lighted by Mrs. McKerroll and cut by Mrs. J. Mather, convener of the historical committee.

Brussels Auxiliary observed their Golden Jubilee too. Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Neil McLaughlan and Miss J. Kerr, charter members. There was a birthday cake with fifty lighted candles.

At Lucknow there was a combined W.M.S. Golden Jubilee and welcome to Miss Dorothy Douglas, of Formosa. The congregation presented Miss Douglas with an address and aeropack. Rev. C. H. MacDonald presiding, reviewed the achievements of the W.M.S. since its organization, and conducted a brief memorial service. There were interesting talks on ''Looking Backward'' and ''Looking Forward'' by Mrs. Wm. McKenzie and Mrs. A. P. Stewart. Miss Baird, only charter member present, was presented with a book and flowers. Rev. K. McLean, Wingham, Rev. J. L. Burgess, South Kinloss, and Mrs. R. McWhinnie, spoke briefly. There was a three storey birthday cake cut by Mrs. John Graham. The Y.W.A. assisted the Senior Auxiliary at the social hour.

Sectional meetings and a Leaders' rally were addressed by Mrs. L. Ballantyne and Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, respectively. Miss Dorothy Douglas addressed Thank-offering meetings at Kincardine and Ripley.

Mrs. W. F. Adams, Toronto, addressed Thank-offerings in Bruce and Owen Sound P.S., telling interesting details of life in China, showing many curios and works of art done by these people. In Southampton, the Mission Band assisted with the programme. Rev. D. E. McDonald, late of Jobat, India, addressed Owen Sound Auxiliary. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Clow and Mrs. Sproule.

Centreville and Millbrook, in Peterborough P.S., had Mrs. D. Ewart as guest speaker. Her topic was, ''The great opportunity before our members''.

In Hamilton P.S., the 70th birthday and Thank-offerings have been the occasion for many happy gatherings. Knox Auxiliary, Jarvis, was addressed by Miss McNeil and Mrs. J. G. Miller. Mrs. Jaques, only original officer left, and Mrs. Lewis Miller, oldest member, received flowers. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Toronto, addressed Erskine Auxiliary, St. John's and Laurel Circle jointly, hearing Mrs. James Dickson, Formosa, on, ''A Missionary's Wife''. Mrs. L. Ballantyne spoke at Knox; Mrs. Fletcher, of Hamilton, a charter member, at St. David's, with Miss Allan reviewing work of past years. Minutes of first Y.W.A. meeting were read. Chalmers, addressed by Mrs. Adam Inch; charter member, who reviewed the work of 70 years. Mrs. W. I. McLean spoke of the future work of the Society. The youngest member of the Beginners' Band presented flowers to Mrs. Inch, oldest member. At New Westminster the young people gave a pageant, ''The Altar of Thanksgiving''. At St. Paul's the three Auxiliaries combined their 70th celebration and Thank-offering meetings, past Presidents taking part. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. F. Davidson, Senior Auxiliary, and Miss Isabel Cameron, Home Circle Auxiliary. Mrs. H. C. McKellar and Mrs. L. Ballantyne were the speakers. Miss J. Crawford, charter member of Home Circle Auxiliary, which celebrated its 58th anniversary, was presented with flowers. McNab St. Senior Auxiliary, Central Senior Auxiliary, and ''Elizabeth Lyle'' Auxiliary, also combined to hear Mrs. Wardlaw Taylor on ''Gifts''. Mrs. A. R. Tarlton received a Life Membership and an ''In Memoriam'' was given in memory of Mrs. W. Babcock. Mrs. W. I. McLean cut the cake. The Mission Band of Central Church had its 25th birthday, Rev. W. Barclay, M.A., B.D., giving a travelogue on ''Our Mission Fields''. Miss Leonie Henderson has been their leader for many years.

St. John's Church Auxiliary, Toronto, observed the 70th anniversary. Mrs. W. H. D. Leef gave a résumé of the history of the Auxiliary. Mrs. W. H. Mitchell reviewed the origin and growth of the W.M.S. Mrs. J. H. McLeod, oldest member, received a Life Membership and flowers.

A well attended Mission Band rally was held in Dovercourt Church, Toronto, Mrs. A. R. Riddell giving an illustrated talk on Formosa.

An inspiring Young Women's rally took place in Calvin Church, Toronto, Mrs. A. C. Stewart presiding. The speakers were Miss MacMurchy, Miss M. C. G. Fraser, Mrs. J. D. Holman, Miss Pelton and Miss S. V. Scott. The 70th anniversary was remembered by the lighting of candles and a résumé of the work since 1864.

At the Provincial executive meeting in Calvin Church, Toronto, November 1st, two esteemed officers, members of the Board since 1925, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. R. G. Hammill, Deputation Secretary, who are retiring from office, were the recipients of an address of appreciation and flowers, Mrs. W. J. McCullough ably expressing the sorrow of fellow members at the severance of such happy associations. Officers appointed to take their place are, Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, 407 Brunswick Ave., Toronto; Deputation Secretary, Mrs. John Davey, 14 Tyndall Ave., Toronto; and Mrs. L. B. Beath, member without portfolio, to fill the vacancy created by the removal from the city of Mrs. A. S. Reid.

Correction

November issue, page 411, the Honorary Membership reported for Mrs. M.B. Davidson, Galt, was the gift of a personal friend, not Central Church.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 108 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

A MINIATURE, portraying the spirit which pervades our officers, and a crosscut section revealing our work, as presented by our Department Secretaries, were featured at the semi-annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board, held October 16th, in Montreal. Miss C. E. Cameron, President, presided.

Mrs. Price, of the Quebec Presbyterial, sketched the outline of the miniature at the morning devotional period, her topic being ''The vine and its branches'' from John 15, pointing out the source of fruitfulness in the Christian life.

In the afternoon, Mrs. G. W. Grier filled in the picture describing how one tiny sin, permitted to exist would, like an almost invisible worm at the root of a rare and costly fern, soon kill all its beauty. No particular sin was mentioned, but one thought of, say, resentment, unseen, unknown, apparently hurting no one but the individual who harbored it, yet causing decay and making fruit bearing impossible. ''Look diligently lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you.''

Mrs. R. W. Dickie in her closing words supplied the golden frame from II Cor. 9: 8. ''God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.'' Three ''alls'', ''all grace'', ''all sufficiency'', ''all things''. A supply inexhaustible and never impoverished, always at our disposal for every good work. Our inefficiency, met by His sufficiency. What a heartening message for us all, for a district ''needy in material things and needy spiritually'' as reported by Miss Murray, of Tyndale House.

Mrs. Pae, President of Montreal Presbyterial, reported that Miss Pelton's work among young women had been the outstanding feature during the year. A new study course was being arranged and the groups were all very active. As regards finance, the Committee felt that results had justified their policy in placing the exceeding great need rather than a definite allocation before the Auxiliaries.

For the Quebec Presbyterial Mrs. McKelvie reported encouragement derived from the visits of missionaries and officers of the Society.

The Treasurer reported having forwarded $6666.70 to headquarters. The Mission Band Secretary said 4 new Bands had been formed in the Montreal Presbyterial Society and 2 in the Quebec Presbyterial. Miss Dickson said a Mission Band had been organized in the Chinese kindergarten by the daughter of the Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Aiken. Home Helpers Secretary reported 129 members in Quebec Presbyterial and 927 in Montreal Presbyterial.

Supplies have been sent to Indian Schools, Hospitals and Huntingdon

Presbyterian Residence. A satisfactory report was given of the sale of literature and circulation of lantern slides. There had also been considerable activity in the Exchange Department, while Library work was described as ''neither dead nor sleeping.''

Welcome and Welfare reported more visitors than settlers but all appreciated a visit from the port worker, Miss Munro. Mrs. Gouldthorpe spoke of continued activity in the work of the Huntingdon Presbyterian Residence although numbers were fewer.

The Leaders' Conference held there had been unusually well attended, excellent lectures having been given by Miss O. M. Hill, Miss McLean and Mrs. L. Craig.

Letters of appreciation had been received by the Student Secretary for the interest taken in students at McGill University and nurses in training at the various hospitals. Much more could be done, if the congregations from which these young people came would notify Mrs. G. W. Grier of their arrival in the city.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

THE 70th anniversary of our Women's Missionary Society was celebrated very generally throughout the province—reports have come in from Coleville, Moosomin, Qu'Appelle and First Church, Regina. At Coleville visitors from the surrounding districts were present. The oldest member in each case was given the honor of cutting the birthday cake, Mrs. Cowen, Mrs. A. S. Smith and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, respectively. Mrs. S. Farley made and presented the birthday cake used for the anniversary of First Church, Regina.

The Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, held their anniversary service in conjunction with its regular Thank-offering meeting when Rev. C. M. Cameron, of Northside Church, gave an address on British Guiana. A very generous offering was reported. Members of the Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church were hostesses at a rally Mission Band party when the children of ''Sunbeam'' Band were gathering for the first time since the holiday.

Saskatchewan is happy to report the organization of two new Auxiliaries, one at Weirdale in Prince Albert Presbyterial and one at Bekevar in the Regina Presbyterial, also a new Associate Society at Meath Park in Prince Albert Presbyterial. As there is no other church service in Weirdale district the Presbyterial is hoping that the new organization there may hold Sunday School and other church services.

St. Andrew's ''Mission Helpers'' Band, Saskatoon, held an especially interesting meeting in October when friends and parents were visitors. Mrs. M. Grant, Presbyterial President, was the guest speaker and presented the lovely picture of Miss Mildred Soutar, the prize awarded at Council in Montreal, when this little Band won the second place for their scrap book entry. Miss Ross, deaconess, hung the picture.

Treasurer's Statement

October 31st, 1934

RECEIPTS

Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario"	$ 5.00
Mrs. Gall, Toronto, "Western Relief"	10.00
Mrs. J. H. Thomson, "Travelling Expenses of Deaconesses"	75.00
A Friend, "Chinese Work in Toronto"	80.00
Pensions received from workers	26.12
Refund on deputation	27.95
Refund from Student Dept.	4.00
Refund from Vegreville Hospital	225.00
Refund from South Porcupine Hospital	2,500.00
Refund from Council Expense	42.00
Refund from Mistawasis Indian Day School	135.00
Rent of Bungalow in Japan from Eastern Division	30.00
Sale of Furniture at Fort McMurray	30.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	344.64
British Columbia	350.00
Manitoba	400.00
Ontario	13,817.86
Quebec	1,500.00
	$19,602.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 245.82
Canora	505.79
Vegreville	260.41
Chinese in Canada	769.90
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School, Kenora	568.66
Birtle Indian School	557.84
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	75.00
Prince Albert	89.16
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	68.33
Vegreville	325.83
Welcome and Welfare	1,160.07
Publication	1,572.96
Organization	603.14
Lantern Slides	7.42
Pensions	116.66
Miscellaneous	10.00
India:	
Bhil Field	149.52
Jhansi Field	135.00
Formosa	601.23
Japan	1,319.50
Exchange	8.84
Administration	430.75
	$9,648.49

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RECEIPTS:

Legacy from the Estate of Miss E. V. Rippey	$25.00	
Sustaining, Sale of McCrea House	56.85	
		$81.85

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Treasurer.

NEWS AND NOTES

REV. ALLAN REOCH, Szepingkai, Manchuria, has sent Miss Kerr, Library Secretary, a letter of appreciation for the rolls of Sunday School pictures. They are much appreciated by the people and are given to those who memorize the year's golden texts or other memory tests. He also says much progress has been made in the work.

An instance of the use of wireless by the Church in China is seen in the monthly service broadcast from St. Paul's, Hong Kong, for the many Chinese in the towns of South China who have receiving sets.

All our India missionaries have passed their first and second year examinations very creditably.

CORRECTIONS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

ALBERTA

Page 97, Provincial Officers.—Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. H. Harback, from Vulcan, to Claresholm; Corr. Sec., Mrs. R. H. MacMicking, from 11049 to 10947 83rd Ave., Edmonton.

Page 106, Macleod P.S.—President, Mrs. J. H. Harback, from Vulcan to Claresholm.

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Page 134, Provincial Officers.—Recording Sec. (new), Mrs. J. F. Inkster, 407 Brunswick Ave., Toronto; Deputation Sec. (new), Mrs. John Davey, 14 Tyndall Ave., Toronto.

Page 150, Chatham P.S.—Glad Tidings Sec., Miss Madeline Tuson, 1000 Victoria Ave., Windsor *not* Chatham.

Page 152, Glengarry P.S.—Glad Tidings Sec., Mrs. John Loucks, Aultsville.

Page 187, Temiskaming P.S.—Glad Tidings Sec., Mrs. C. H. Powell, Englehart, *not* New Liskeard.

SASKATCHEWAN

Page 215, Moose Jaw P.S.—Glad Tidings Sec., Mrs. John Bremner, Swift Current.

Page 217, Regina P.S.—Glad Tidings Sec., Miss Mary Adair, from 8 Beta Apts., to 2240 Angus St., Regina.

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity of sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.''
—*Phillips Brooks.*

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